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Mrs. Fuller Council President Johnson, Council, & School Committee Feted At Inaugural

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

About 250 citizens enjoyed the festivities of the 1992 Agawam Inaugural Celebration on Friday evening, January 3rd, in the Grand Ballroom of Chez Josef.

The event culminated the beginning of the 1992-93 Town Council and School Committee. Town Councilors on the previous night selected veteran Council Jessie D. Fuller as president of the '92 council with second term Councilor Richard Brindle elected vice-president.

Mrs. Fuller is the first woman ever elected council president.

Agawam resident Paul Sutton, a popular TV-40 weatherman, served as master of ceremonies at the inaugural. He congratulated Inaugural Committee members David Clouse, Joann McGeoghan, and Marie Sutton for organizing the successful event in less than three weeks.

Sutton then introduced the evening's guest of honor, second-term Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, who received a standing ovation prior to the mock swearing-in ceremony.

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More Drug Prevention Brought To Students At Agawam High

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Before the holiday vacation, Agawam High seniors listened to Pam Hooper, L.P.N., present an excerpt from a criminal justice program that she teaches at Worcester Academy.

The program, "Street Talk On Drugs," is taught by Mrs. Hooper as director of Student Activities. She is also a member of the Governor's Alliance Against Alcohol and Other Drugs in Worcester.

Mrs. Hooper's first involvement in drug prevention education began when she coordinated community education programs in Worcester for outpatient drug centers. She then started teaching at the police department's Worcester Academy.

She told AHS seniors, "All drugs are grouped in five categories." She said the first group are inhalants and referred to toxic fumes (from these drugs) as creating a problem of suffocation. Next were stimulants which, according to her, "speed up the body with a temperature rise, more energy, and faster heartbeat and breathing. The problem with stimulants is that they can cause coronary arrest."

In the third category, Mrs. Hooper identified "depressants." She told pupils, "The body slows down, gets cold, sleepy, and relaxed. She named sleeping pills, tranquilizers, and alcohol as being in this classification. She commented that alcohol was a "tricky" drug.

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SECOND-TERM AGAWAM MAYOR CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON accepts the oath of office from Hampden County Superior Court Judge George Bregianes at the Inaugural Celebration at Chez Josef, Friday, January 3rd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Sounds Of Music At Christmas Concert



AT THE ANNUAL AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Julie Milici sings "What Child Is This" as Concert Band member Jessica Liptak plays the clarinet. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

INAUGURAL - from Page 1...

The Honorable Judge George Bregianes administered the oath of office to Johnson as well as to Town Council members Walter Balboni, George Blitzas, Richard Brindle, Thomas Ennis, Jr., Jessie D. Fuller, Nancy Gravel, Louis Russo, Gary Suffriti, James Taylor, and Joanne Willis.

School Committee members Louis R.C. David, Linda Galarneau, Mayor Christopher Johnson (chairman), Teresa Kozloski, Louis Massoia, Jr., and Susan Pettazzoni were also installed during the ceremony. Sutton explained that all officials had already taken their formal oaths prior to the Inaugural Celebration.

State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam), the lone guest speaker, told townspeople that Johnson had incorporated in Agawam over the past two years during "the new era of experimental government with a mayor here."

He said, "I am really pleased that in the last two or three years this community has really done itself proud. We have been able to show people outside the community just how worthwhile Agawam is and that this town, in the truest sense of community, is important."

Walsh noted that each person attending the gala to honor a friend or relative being installed in public office should also feel a sense of pride for the "unique courage it took to make a commitment to serve Agawam."

State Senator Linda J. Melconian, who was represented by Walsh, wrote to congratulate Johnson for his reelection, stating, "As Agawam's first mayor, you brought to your pioneering administration youth, energy, enthusiasm, optimism, fresh ideas, and new solutions to age-old problems."

Melconian commended Johnson for his "prudent and careful management of limited fiscal resources, as well as a willingness to explore new and creative means of addressing traditional town issues."

Johnson thanked everyone for their kind words and issued two challenges to individuals during his next two years. His first challenge was to "both the state and federal governments to put more dollars into America."

Johnson said, "The next world war is not going to be fought with bullets, tanks, or aircraft. The next world war is economic. We have to start to put together our economic house, strengthen our



THE THREE-MEMBER AGAWAM INAUGURAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE, from left - Maria Sutton, David Clouse, and Joann McGeoghan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

educational system, and make our children able to compete with foreign countries. We have to take some of that money that we're spending abroad and pour it back into our cities and towns."

Johnson's second challenge was a local one. He commended Agawam on the strong sense of community "which always has people ban together whenever anyone ever needed help."

Johnson said that on the local level, he believed it was time to "turn the corner from criticism and use their skills to compromise in an effort to build Agawam's future together."

He remarked, "Let's start to use our skills that the people of Agawam put us (elected officials)

here for - to build Agawam into a better place to live and work."

Shortly before 8:00 p.m., dinner music began and hot hors d'oeuvres were served. Dessert cakes, made by the Agawam Senior Center, followed as well as dancing.

On the previous night at the Agawam Middle School, the council elected Mrs. Fuller to the council presidency by a 7-4 vote over second-term Councilor Thomas Ennis, Jr.

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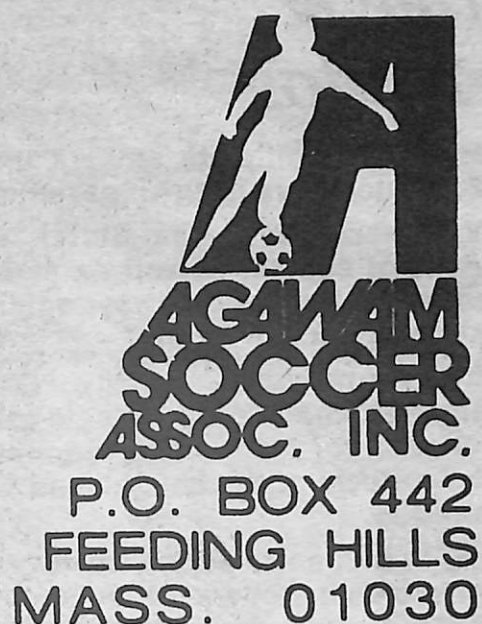
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Agawam Soccer Association Spring Soccer Registrations Boys And Girls

Time: Saturday, January 18th, 1992 — 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Place: Agawam Jr. High School Cafeteria
Fee: \$20.00 per child (maximum \$50.00 per family)

AGE GROUPS

Under 9 - August 1st, 1982 - July 31st, 1983
 Under 10 - August 1st, 1981 - July 31st, 1982
 Under 11 - August 1st, 1980 - July 31st, 1981
 Under 12 - August 1st, 1979 - July 31st, 1980
 Under 13 - August 1st, 1978 - July 31st, 1979
 Under 14 - August 1st, 1977 - July 31st, 1978
 Under 16 - August 1st, 1975 - July 31st, 1977
 Under 19 - August 1st, 1972 - July 31st, 1975

We would recommend that you consider the following information about the spring soccer program, before you register your child.

- 1) The league your child will participate in will be the inner-city league, known as the Pioneer Valley League. This will require traveling to other towns to play games. There will not be an in-town program in the spring.
- 2) The spring soccer league play will begin around the second week of April and end during the third week of June.
- 3) Your child will play an average of 2 games per week - one game during the week and one on either Saturday or Sunday. Also your child's team may hold 2 practices each week. Will your child's involvement in spring soccer conflict with any other spring sport?
- 4) Teams with more players signed up than the coach wants to have on his/her roster will have try-outs. If your child does not make the team, your fee will be refunded.
- 5) The fee includes socks only - you may be required to pay for the jersey and pants if you are new to the team and do not already have them.

We will not be having a second sign-up so please make plans to have someone sign-up your child if you can not make it. If for any reason this is not possible you may call any one of the persons listed below and sign-up through them no later than January 25th, 1992.

Dennis Marr — Vice President of Pioneer Valley — 786-3895
 Bob Rousseau — Director of Pioneer Valley Boys — 786-2635
 Mike Dobise — Director of Pioneer Valley Girls — 786-6235

Yours in soccer
 A.S.A. Executive Board

Editorial

"Mid-Winter Night" Committee & Inaugural Committee Deserve Kudos

The two hard-working committees responsible for Agawam's Second Annual "Mid-Winter Night" on New Year's Eve and the Agawam Inaugural Celebration at Chez Josef last Friday night deserve many pats on the back.

For the second consecutive New Year's Eve, Agawam Center, including St. John's Parish Hall, Agawam Congregational Church Hall, Agawam Center Library Building, Agawam Baptist Church Bordutha Hall, and the Captain Charles Leonard House were alive with the passing of the old year and the entrance of 1992.

Family-oriented activities ran from 5:00 p.m. until after midnight. And the consensus among the many townspeople who attended was that this is a true winner for

our community.

Congratulations to members of the Mid Winter Night committee for a job well done. Chairwoman this year was Sylvia Deliso. The committee included Paul Sutton, Virginia Heyl, Jean Stowers, Frank Meagher, Karen Minardi, Donna Scherpa, Mary Meehan, Cornelius Hannigan, Wayne Miller, Louis Scherpa, Paul Condon, Dolores Schneider, Joanne Condon, Evelyn Notman, Meanette Vermes, and Barbara Dunn.

The three-member Agawam Inaugural Committee of David Clouse, Joann McGeoghan, and Maria Sutton gave second-term Mayor Christopher Johnson, the 11 Town Councillors, and six School Committee members an excellent start as

these elected officials embark on their 1992-93 endeavors in town government.

TV-40 weatherman Paul Sutton, a town resident of course, served as master of ceremonies. Paul's wit always spices any event he attends in town.

The Honorable Judge George Breglanes administered the oath of office to Johnson for his second term, as well as to members of the council and School Committee.

This event can be added to the growing list of events in Agawam that continue to promote community spirit and cooperation through efforts of town-sponsored organizations, as well as the seemingly unlimited energy of church and civic organizations here.



Letters To The Editor

Junior Women's Club Have Many Thank-Yous Going Out

To The Editor:

The Agawam Junior Women's Club would like to thank all those individuals, organizations and businesses who helped support our holiday basket project.

Thanks to the generous support we received, we were able to provide baskets of food to 33 needy families at Thanksgiving and 34 families at Christmas. In addition, for Christmas, all 102 children in the families received toys and gifts of clothing.

Although the organizations and businesses we received support from are too numerous to name, a few deserve special mention:

- * One woman who received food baskets and gifts last year, whose situation has improved, knitted many hats for the children this year.

- * Many non-club members "adopted" a child and bought gifts for Christmas.

- * The beauticians at Hot Heads Salon "adopted" six children and bought gifts for them, and the salon also collected canned goods. Because of the salon's participation, one customer donated several bags of clothing.

- * Milton Bradley generously donated many, many games.

- * Agawam Twin Cinemas had a food drive both at Thanksgiving and Christmas, when admission charged was a canned good for the baskets.

- * The Senior Citizens Center collected canned goods through MOCA.

- * Canned goods were collected from carollers at Phelps School.

- * A second grade class at Robinson Park School brought canned goods to donate in lieu of a gift exchange.

- * Fleet Bank collected toys through their Stocking for Joy.

- * The Agawam Baptist Church donated a turkey, toys, food and cash.

- * Cincotta Farm provided bags of potatoes, onions and apples for all the baskets at very low cost.

- * Special thanks to "Mrs. Santa Claus" for her generous donation of two 10-speed bikes.

In addition, we would like to thank all the other civic organizations and businesses in town who generously contributed. Because of the generosity of the donations, we were also able to provide a dozen cases of canned goods to the Open Pantry to distribute as needed.

It is through the cooperation and generosity of all that we are able to provide this service to those in our community in need.

Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,

The Agawam Junior Women's Club

Parents Thank MOCA For Making Holidays Brighter

To The Editor:

To MOCA and friends:

Our heartfelt thanks to the many wonderful people who helped to make our Christmas's brighter this year.

The children's Christmas party was unbelievable! A pizza party, entertainment for children, and of course, Santa Claus with a gift for each and every child!

You can't begin to imagine how happy you made these children and parents. There were many tears of joy and happiness shed by all. This town is truly a caring and loving place to live. And

everyone should be very proud to live in Agawam.

This is truly what Christmas is all about. A community pulling together to help those less fortunate. And without the wonderful people from MOCA, it couldn't have been done.

An extra special thank you to Sandra Smith for an outstanding job well done!

Thank you ever so much from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,

Some most grateful Christmas party recipients

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Saturday, January 11th

Family Style Ham & Bean Supper

Agawam Baptist Church

Servings at 4:45 & 6:15 p.m.

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Tuesday, January 14th

Free program on the grieving process for bereaved individuals

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Wednesday, January 15th

Meeting of Anne Sullivan Committee

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for Anne Sullivan sculpture

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Saturday, January 18th

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Arts Council Delighted About Success Of Mid-Winter Night

To The Editor:

The Agawam Arts and Humanities Council would like to thank all those who helped to make Agawam's New Year's Eve celebration, Mid Winter Night, a great success.

Thanks to all the volunteers who gave of their time; the area churches (Agawam Baptist, Agawam Congregational and St. John's); the Captain Charles Leonard House; the businesses (CHH Engraving, Ennis Signs, Underwood Press and Agawam Public Market) that donated ideas, time and services; the Building Maintenance department that helped to prepare the Agawam Center Library building for our headquarters.

Also, *The Agawam Advertiser News* for the great publicity for our event; the Mayor for his encouragement and presence at the event; the town officials who supported our endeavor by attending the celebration; the Police Department.

And last but not least, the townspeople of Agawam and those from surrounding towns who celebrated the New Year with us and let us know that they and their families had a great time spending New Year's Eve together.

The positive response has encouraged us to try to obtain funding for Mid Winter Night 1992!

Funds for the Mid Winter Night celebration were provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Agawam Arts and Humanities Council
Sylvia R. Dellso, Chairperson

Alice's Balloons Says Goodbye To Customers

To The Editor:

To all my customers:

This is to inform you that Alice's Balloons & Baskets has closed. I'd like to thank you for your patronage.

Agawam Flower Shop on Main Street has purchased most of my inventory, and does nice work.

Alice Kennedy
Agawam

Concern Of 3 "Strangers" Restores Resident's Faith

To The Editor:

Please help me say "thank you" to some people in Feeding Hills. I would do it personally, but I don't know their names.

On Sunday (January 5th), my wife and I were taking down the Christmas lights from a large spruce tree in our front yard. The step ladder I was standing on suddenly lurched from under me and I fell to the ground.

I had the "wind knocked out of me" for a few minutes, but no serious injury. My wife seemed to have a lot of company as she asked me questions trying to assess the damage, and I eventually realized that three total strangers had stopped their cars and had come over to where I was lying to see if they could help in any way.

I don't believe either my wife or I sufficiently expressed our gratitude to those people for taking the time to show their concern and for being willing to "get involved."

Their concern for a total stranger demonstrated to me that people generally do care about others, even strangers.

Thank you, three strangers, for helping restore my faith.

Sincerely,
Jay Mercer
1009 North St. Ext.
Feeding Hills

Phelps School Families Had Extra Special Christmas

To The Editor:

The families of Phelps School students had a special Christmas this year. The Phelps P.T.O. Executive Board had approved "Holiday Project" as an alternative to Santa's Secret Workshop.

Each child in every grade made a gift for their family. The craft was carefully chosen so it could be done by the children at each grade level.

All of the volunteers who helped out with this undertaking deserve to be thanked. A huge debt of gratitude and a "thank you" must go to Sue Dempsey.

She was the person who spent countless hours choosing each craft, scheduling each class with the art teacher, Mrs. Scherpa, and other tasks too

numerous to mention.

Sue was also at school every day to make sure each child had this gift to bring home for the holidays (even though she had pneumonia). Every child was excited about being able to make a present and bring it home.

My own children in grades three and four have previously participated in Santa's Secret Shop, and as soon as they came home, they wanted us to open their presents.

This year, they were so proud and excited about their gifts that they had made and wrapped themselves, that these gifts were placed under our tree and stayed there until Christmas morning, so their grandparents could be there when we opened them.

The parents at Phelps are blessed to have such a dedicated person as Sue Dempsey, who is willing to donate her time and spread her enthusiasm so that the children could have such a unique Christmas.

Thanks a million, Sue, for making this Christmas special for my children and all the other children at Phelps. I hope your Christmas was as happy as you have made ours.

Sue Landry (parent of children at Phelps)
19 Edward Street
Agawam

Ag. Veterans Services Has Info For Vets

The Agawam Veterans Services Office at the Town Hall announces that effective for all purchase offers for V.A. acquired properties received in field stations on or after December 20th, 1991, the interest rate on new vendee accounts will be eight percent.

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INAUGURAL - from Page 2...

Councilor Joanne Willis gave a ringing endorsement of Mrs. Fuller when nominating her for the post. Joining Mrs. Willis in voting for Mrs. Fuller on the first ballot were Councilors Richard Brindle, James Taylor, Walter Balboni, Nancy Gravel, George Bitzas, and Mrs. Fuller.

New Councilor Gary Suffriti nominated Ennis for the presidency and was joined by new Councilor Louis Russo, last year's council President Edward A. Caba, and Ennis.

Brindle was elected council vice-president in a 10-0-1 vote and both Carol Taylor (town accountant) and Ursula Retzler (council clerk) were elected unanimously to their posts.

Congressman Olver In Town For Meeting

U.S. Representative John Olver has announced that he will hold a Town Meeting in Agawam on Tuesday, January 14th, to discuss health care reform and listen to area residents on how to make health care more affordable.

He will hold the Health Care Town Meeting for the towns of Agawam and West Springfield at the Agawam Middle School Auditorium on Main Street, Agawam, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Olver will present several proposals that have been circulating in Congress and lead a discussion about possible solutions to the health care crisis.

"Health care in this country is in critical condition. I look forward to listening to and learning from the people of Agawam and West Springfield on how to best make health care more affordable and accessible," Olver said.

The Town Meeting on January 14th is one of seven Town Meetings Olver has held in western Massachusetts since Congress recessed in November. Over 200 western Massachusetts residents have attended these meetings. Olver plans additional meetings across western Massachusetts through the end of January.

The Agawam-West Springfield Town Meeting will be held on the same night that Democratic Members of Congress across America are scheduled to hold Town Meetings on health care as part of the party's effort to learn how average citizens think the health care crisis should be solved.

The issue of health care is likely to be a major focus in Congress when it returns from recess in January.

"To be best prepared when the Congress takes up health care in January, I have held health care forums all across the district. I hope everyone in the area who is interested in health care will come to the Agawam Middle School on January 14th and share their thoughts with me on this important issue," concluded Olver.

Check our classified



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE celebrate the start of the 1992-'93 session at the Agawam Inaugural Celebration at Chez Josef. From left - Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Susan Pettazzoni, Louise R.C. David, Linda Galarneau, Teresa Kozloski, and Louis Massoia. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



NEW TOWN COUNCILOR NANCY GRAVEL (left) had an extra special holiday season this year. She and her family were visited by Naomi Sakaguchi from Japan. Naomi was an exchange student at Agawam High School three years ago. Nancy brought Naomi to the Agawam Inaugural Celebration last Friday night. From left - Mrs. Gravel, Naomi, Bob Gravel (Nancy's husband), and Charlene Korza (Mrs. Gravel's daughter). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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On December 15th, **David B. Gibson**, 48 Royal Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with weaving and driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Sergeant Donald Lonco and Steve Grasso.

On December 16th, **David L. Joao**, 67 Kathleen Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Steve Grasso.

On December 16th, **Timothy J. Dearborn**, 97 Plantation Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person and domestic assault & battery. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi, Steve Grasso, Richard Niles, and Alan Collins.

On December 16th, **Robert R. Burno, Jr.**, 18 Riverside Avenue, Agawam, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery. Arresting officers were Steve Grasso, Mark Poggi, Richard Niles, and Ben Moore.

On December 16th, **Earl J. Wells**, 29 Savoy Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with violation of a restraining order. Arresting officers were Richard Niles, Ben Moore, and Steve Grasso.

On December 16th, **Donna Allen**, 18 Riverdale Avenue, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Richard Niles, Ben Moore, Mark Poggi, and Steve Grasso.

On December 17th, **Mark J. Turner**, 37 Royal Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Southwick Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Karen Langevin and Richard Curry.

On December 18th, **Michael Robare**, 160 Point Grove Road, Southwick, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Sergeant Donald Lonco and Gary O'Brien.

On December 18th, **Michael F. Fitzgerald**, 79 Hayes Avenue, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Southwick Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Mike Gruska.

On December 18th, **Kristian Robare**, 75 Brookline Avenue, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska and Gary O'Brien.

On December 18th, **Gregory Battles**, 14 Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi, Steve Grasso, and Edward Connor.

On December 18th, **Susan Battles**, 14 Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi, Steve Grasso, and Edward Connor.

On December 20th, **Mark J. Landry III**, 48 Janet Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating without a license. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Eric Lottermoser.

On December 21st, **James W. Denny**, 88 Prospect Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with weaving and driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Mark Pfau.

On December 22nd, **James A. Mebane, Jr.**, 101 Bristol Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with indecent exposure. Arresting officer was Edward Connor.

On December 22nd, **Sandra J. Crough**, 456 Cold Springs Avenue, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension. Arresting officers were Steve Grasso and Mike Gruska.

On December 23rd, **Ephrem P. Chicoline**, 73 Nelson Circle, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska, Steve Grasso, and Mark Pfau.

On December 23rd, **David M. Chicoline**, 54 Everett Street, Easthampton, was arrested and charged with malicious damage and being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska, Steve Grasso, and Mark Pfau.

On December 23rd, **James L. Mahoney**, 14 Bradford Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery, and assault by means of a dangerous weapon. Arresting officers were Ronald Brown, Mark Pfau, and Sergeant William Silech.

On December 23rd, **Craig A. Struck**, 14 Mallard Circle, Agawam, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Joe Dymon.

On December 23rd, **Patrick Beshaw**, 106 Silver Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with violation of parole. Arresting officer was Detective Walter Letellier.

On December 23rd, **Joseph Bechard**, 66 Indian Spring Road, East Longmeadow, was arrested and charged with driving while under the in-

New Town Council Ready To Go



MEMBERS OF THE 1992-'93 AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL were sworn-in on January 2nd. From left - James Taylor, Edward A. Caba, Walter Balboni, Joanne Willis, Nancy Gravel, Jessie D. Fuller (president), Richard Brindle (vice-president), George Bitzas, Louis Russo, Gary Suffriti, and Thomas Ennis, Jr. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

fluence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska, Sergeant Donald Lonco, and Richard Light, Jr.

On December 23rd, **Maggie Jacob**, 61 River Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting, possession of an altered Massachusetts License, and being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien, Mike Gruska, Richard Conlon, and Sergeant Donald Lonco.

On December 23rd, **Zacharias Jacob**, 61 River Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien, Mike Gruska, and Richard Conlon.

On December 23rd, **Thomas Jacobs**, Sunnyslope Avenue, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Detective Stanley Chmielewski, Jr.

On December 24th, **Stephen W. Davis**, 17 Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with domestic assault and battery. Arresting officers were Jim Donovan and Ronald Brown.

On December 24th, **Theodore W. Smith**, 41 Anthony Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault by means of a dangerous weapon (gun) and domestic assault & battery. Arresting officers were Alan Collins, Joe Dymon, and Gerald O'Keefe.

On December 24th, **Nikolaos Pantoleakis**, 66 Silver Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol, unregistered, and uninsured. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska and Sergeant Donald Lonco.

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POLICE BLOTTER - from Page 7...

On December 24th, **Debra Johnson**, 83 Hope Farms Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol and operating without a license. Arresting officers were Richard Light, Jr., Sergeant Donald Loncto, Mark Pfau, and Mike Gruska.

On December 24th, **Paul V. Trimboli**, 7 Old Mill Road, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person and domestic assault & battery. Arresting officers were Richard Conlon and Mark Pfau.

On December 26th, **John R. Glinman**, 216 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery. Arresting officers were Eric Lottermoser and Jim Donovan.

On December 27th, **Patricia M. Peabody**, 907 North Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Edward Connor.

On December 27th, **Michael R. Farnum**, 134 Union Street, Westfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Westfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Auxiliary Officer Joe Davis.

On December 27th, **Tara Veneziano**, 100 Lowell Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Chicopee Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Mike Gruska.

On December 28th, **Victor A. Lopez**, 1162 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were from the West Springfield Police Department.

On December 28th, **Bruce L. Powling**, 1330 Suffield Street, Suffield, CT, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Richard Conlon.

On December 29th, **Joshua C. Williams**, 55 Old Farms Road, Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a minor transporting alcohol. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau and Jim Donovan.

On December 30th, **Melha Harris**, 110 Haskin Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension and an outstanding Granby Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Richard Conlon, Sergeant Donald Loncto, and Gary O'Brien.

On December 31st, **Douglas A. Chartier**, 346 Federal Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol, operating after suspension, and giving a false name to a police officer. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti and Karen Langevin.

On December 31st, **Daniel Carden**, 5 King Court, Enfield, CT, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Karen Langevin and Sergeant Al Longhi.

On December 31st, **Jonathan Miller**, 23 Suffield Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with two outstanding Agawam Police Department warrants. Arresting officer was Richard Light, Jr.

On December 31st, **Patrick Garvey**, 339 Springfield Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Eric Lottermoser.

On December 31st, **Michael T. Phelps**, 74 Northbrook Road, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Eric Lottermoser and Gary O'Brien.

On January 2nd, **Guy Remington**, 8 Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska and Steve Grasso.

On January 3rd, **Christopher King**, 20 Elmer Drive, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Mark Pfau.

On January 3rd, **Ferdinan Ocasio**, 1558 Carew Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Alan Collins and Gerald O'Keefe.

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 1992 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of MR. JOHN AMSTERDAM who is seeking a Special Use Permit in accordance with Section 180-11, of the Zoning Ordinances to allow for the commercial use of a structure in a Residence A-2 district, at the premises identified as 146 SUFFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Ronald Hebert, Chairman
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Agawam Crime Prevention...

Common Sense Can Stop Crime

by Detective Wayne Macey
Agawam Crime Prevention

When thinking in terms of crime prevention, we sometimes tend to complicate what would otherwise be some very common sense practices. We overlook the obvious while opting for what we are sure modern science and technology have to offer.

New high tech alarm systems, foolproof anti-theft/anti-bad guy car alarms, and self-defense courses designed to make us all supermen and women against the ever-present criminal element.

If the truth be known, we could all save our time and money. The most important ingredient in the crime prevention recipe is common sense, and as easy as it sounds, we simply don't practice the most basic prevention methods.

If there are doubters in the audience, consider, if you will, the following:

It is 6:45 a.m. In Agawam and parked outside the Dairy Mart are several cars with the keys in the ignition, motors running, and briefcases on the front seat.

Operators for these vehicles are inside the store getting their first of the morning cup of coffee and comparing notes with those they see this same time every day. Officer Keith Bopko, while on patrol at 3:00 a.m., observes several garage doors open, with everything inside from automobiles to gas grills to lawnmowers and lawn furniture.

A woman shopping in one of our many grocery stores in town has her purse open on the child seat section of her carriage; exposed are her credit cards, cash, and (of course) the almighty

coupons. She is about 20 feet away checking the price of tuna fish.

Mr. & Mrs. John Q. Unsuspecting of 22 Nice Street, Agawam, decide to take the kids out for an ice cream at about 7:00 p.m. No need to lock the door; they will only be gone for 45 minutes, and Peterjans is just around the corner.

Question—what is wrong with all the above pictures?

It should be obvious to all that a lack of common sense precautions will cause each of the above citizens to become victims. It doesn't take a security expert or any kind of genius mind to figure out how to protect ourselves in these situations.

Never leave the car running while unattended. No matter how short a period of time you will be gone, lock it and pocket the keys. Leave nothing of value in sight. When retiring for the evening, close and lock all outside garage and shed doors and windows.

While shopping, keep pocketbooks and valuables with you and observe what is happening around you. Lastly, but certainly not least, ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS secure your home, no matter how long you are planning on being away.

It has been said that if someone wants to break into your home, steal your car, or grab your property bad enough, they will do it. However, to hand them these things on a silver platter is truly a crime.

Open Burning To Be Allowed In Agawam

The Department of Environmental Protection has designated January 15th, 1992 through May 1st, 1992 for open burning in Agawam. CMR 310.707.

Certain guidelines have been established and must be adhered to. The Agawam Fire Department will issue and monitor each permit on a daily basis.

Permits will only be issued weather permitting and only to those locations meeting these conditions.

1. Activities associated with the normal pursuit of agriculture which have been determined by the Department as necessary and which include but are not limited to, open burning of blueberry patches for pruning purposes, dead raspberry stalks, fruit tree prunings, and infected beehives for disease control.

2. Burning of brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris, excluding grass hay, leaves, and stumps from other than commercial or industrial land clearing operations will be allowed.

3. Open burning of brush and trees resulting from agricultural land clearing operations.

4. No grass, hay, leaves, stumps, paper products, trash of any kind is allowed.

5. Burning shall take place between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

6. Burning shall be at a location greater than seventy five (75) feet from any dwelling.

All permits will be issued from fire headquarters by telephone. The business number is 786-2662.

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Proper Use Of Wood Stoves

The use of wood stoves has significantly increased in recent years. Unfortunately, wood stove and chimney fires have also increased. Wood stoves require extra care in installing, operating and maintaining as compared to conventional heat sources.

Use the following steps when deciding to purchase, install and use a woodburning stove in your home:

- Purchase only wood stoves that have been listed by a recognized testing agency, such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL).

- Contact your appropriate building official to ascertain whether a building permit is required for wood stove installation.

- Have the wood stove installed by a professional. Then have the completed installation inspected.

Once installed:

- Keep all flammable material at least three feet from the wood stove.

- Purchase a screen to place around the wood stove to prevent children and pets from being accidentally burned. Never leave children unattended in the room with the wood stove while a fire is burning.

- Burn only dry, well-seasoned wood.

- Never use a flammable liquid to start or revive a fire in a wood stove. Many deaths have occurred by ignoring this one safety warning.

- Never use your wood stove to burn trash.

- Creosote is the product of incomplete combustion and creosote build-up can cause a chimney fire. Opening the air inlets or the wood stove door and allowing the wood to burn freely for 10-15 minutes several times a week will reduce creosote build-up.

Know the signs of a chimney fire...a loud roar, sucking sounds and shaking pipes. Make sure everyone knows what to do. Practice fire drills and learn how to use a fire extinguisher.

If you think you have a chimney fire, call the fire department immediately. Cut off the fire's air supply by closing any intake vents in the firebox. Close the damper. Get everyone out of the house.

Dispose of ashes by placing them in metal containers. Do not put in paper bags or cardboard boxes. Ashes can retain enough heat to start a fire for several days. Wet ashes to make sure they are cold.

For additional installation tips and safety procedures, call the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Anne Sullivan Comm. To Meet January 15th

The Anne Sullivan Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, January 15th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library.

The public, as well as service, civic, church, and social groups in town, are invited to attend or send their representatives.

While we have a plan, we are open to ideas from anyone. If we can raise the rest of the funds, we can plan on a spring or early summer dedication.

The sculpture is finished and in the artist's studio, awaiting the balance fee.

This is a townwide effort to place the only outdoor art work—a sculpture of Anne Sullivan (Town native) and Helen Keller—on the parade grounds, Granger School site, in Feeding Hills.

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bidding forms and specifications for furnishing: Water Meters may be obtained at the office of the Agawam Department of Public Works, 36 Main Street, Agawam Massachusetts. Bids may be obtained from January 9th, 1992 until January 24th, 1992.

The Mayor of Agawam will ordinarily make an award or reject all bids received on this bid.

The Town of Agawam reserves the right to reject any bid in whole or in any part and to accept any bid or any item of any bid if deemed in the best interest of the Town.

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Fire Association Donates New Equipment



THE AGAWAM FIREFIGHTER'S Association is proud to donate a Medical Specialties XP-ONE extrication device to the Agawam Fire Department's rescue squad. The device is designed to conform to and immobilize a patient while providing uniform 360 degree support during extrication from an accident scene. It is an expensive piece of equipment but will prove its worth out in the field. The department has one of these devices in use on the ambulance now and will put the new XP-ONE on the Rescue vehicle stationed at the Elm Street Station in Agawam Center. Pictured above with the new equipment are Chief Russell Jenks (left), association President Karl Schmaelzle, and Deputy Chief David Pisano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam Obituaries

John M. Carney Jr.

John M. Carney Jr., 81, of 693 River Road, Agawam, a former owner and operator of Carney Brothers Motor Service, died in Providence Hospital in Holyoke.

He owned and ran the motor service in Springfield for 20 years with his brother, Donald Carney, who died in 1982.

He had also worked at the Perry Auto Supply Co. in West Springfield, retiring in 1976 after 15 years.

Born in Worcester, he attended local schools there, and was a graduate of Commerce High School there.

He moved to Agawam in 1964, and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. He was also a former member of the West Springfield Knights of Columbus.

He leaves his wife of 57 years, the former Ruth Regan; and several nieces and nephews, including Thomas McManus of Memphis, Tennessee, Richard McManus of Springfield, Ann McManus of West Springfield, and Mary Fedora of Feeding Hills; and a grandniece, Kelly Fedora of Feeding Hills.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in the church, with burial in St. John's Cemetery in Worcester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation Chatham Chapter, 29 Crafts Street, Newton, MA, 02160.

Emil E. Jaeger

Emil E. Jaeger, 74, of 239 Poplar Street, a retired 35-year tool maker for several companies, died at home. He retired in 1982.

Born in Germany, he lived in Feeding Hills from 1955. He was a member of the Springfield Turnverein for more than 40 years.

He leaves his daughter, Jean DeForge of Feeding Hills, and his mother, Maria Jaeger of Agawam.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Turnverein building fund at P.O. Box 794, Agawam, MA, 01001.

Helen R. Crowley

Helen R. (Gaboury) Crowley, 90, of 22 Walnut Street, Agawam, a retired medical secretary for Dr. Harry Kelley, died in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. She retired in 1967.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam for most of her life. She was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church. Her husband, Cornelius Crowley, died in 1965.

She leaves two sisters, Beatrice A. Gaboury of Agawam and Eva Sampson of Florida, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Disease Association, Western Massachusetts Chapter, 240 Main Street, Northampton, MA, 01060.

Leland R. Osgood

Leland R. Osgood, 68, of 248 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, a retired 20-year employee of Digital Corp. in Westfield, died in Springfield's Mercy Hospital.

He retired in 1991. He worked previously at McCormack Stone Co. of East Longmeadow.

Born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, he lived in Feeding Hills for the past 40 years. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He worshipped at Agawam's United Methodist Church, and worked in its popular restaurant at the Eastern States Exposition.

He leaves his wife, Mary (Ambrose) Willett-Osgood; two sons, Donald Willett of Medina, Ohio, and Douglas Osgood of Phoenix, Arizona; three daughters, Diane Knapik of Brimfield, Deborah Osgood of Feeding Hills, and Dottie Bean of Agawam; his mother, Helen (Chalmers) Osgood; a brother, Kenneth of Indiana; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was in the church, with burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield. Curran-Jones Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Harry G. Falts

Harry G. Falts, 77, of 12 Ridgeway Drive, Feeding Hills, a retired 15-year worker at the Postal Service's Main Office in Springfield, died in a local nursing home.

He retired in 1979. He had also worked for 25 years as a machinist at the Gilbert and Barker Co. in West Springfield.

Born in West Springfield, he was an Army veteran of World War II. He moved to Feeding Hills 31 years ago, and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He was also a member of Chapter I of the Agawam Golden Agers. He leaves his wife, the former Louise Piacentini; two sons, Paul H. of St. Louis, Missouri, and Edward G. of Southwick; a brother, Nicholas P. of West Springfield; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial at St. Thomas's Cemetery in West Springfield.

Gerard L. Duval

Gerard L. Duval, 74, of 83 Amherst Avenue, a retired 38-year stock clerk for the Package Machinery Co. in East Longmeadow, died in Noble Hospital, Westfield. He retired in 1981.

Born in Highgate, Vermont, he had lived in Agawam 20 years. He was a member of the Golden Agers and the Adriatic Club of Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Rita M. Longway; a son, Ronald A. of Wilbraham; a sister, Madeline Gegnes of Vermont; and four grandchildren. Another son, Lawrence D., died in 1989.

The funeral was at the Southwick Funeral Home and in Our Lady of the Lake Church, Southwick. Burial will be in the spring.

Managing Your Money... End Of 1991 Brings Investors To Fold

by Tim Ayre

Financial Consultant - Merrill Lynch

The end of 1991 is here, and investors are scrambling to find higher-yielding products for their maturing certificates of deposit (CD's)—investments that are waking up to low interest rates created by economic and geopolitical factors.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 1992 at 6:45 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of JOHN A. & JACQUELYN J. GUIEL who are seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-B, Paragraph G to allow for the removal of fill (sand), at the premises identified as to the rear of 595 MILL STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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IN TOP PHOTO, Lucy Lavallette and Lena Babcock, and in PHOTO BELOW, Olive Huebner and Marion Mills enjoy cocktails before the start of the Annual Golden Age Chapter I Christmas Party. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Annual MOCA Report Available Jan. 15th

The Mayor's Office of Community Affairs (MOCA) 1991 Annual Report will be available at the January 15th meeting. The report summarizes the expenses and revenues of the fundraising events for the year.

Under the direction of Cindy L. Sanford, MOCA sponsored four major events in 1991. These included "A Taste of Agawam," the Mayor's Golf Tournament, the Harvest Moon Dance, and the Children's Christmas Party.

All MOCA members are urged to attend the January 15th meeting to elect a new Board of Directors for 1992. Board members are asked to bring their Board of Director handbooks with them. These will be passed out to the newly elected administration.

Anyone wishing to serve on the Board should contact Nancy Mullaly, Chairwoman of the Nominating Committee, at 786-9682.

The meeting will be held at the Agawam Police Station, Police Community Room, Springfield Street in Agawam at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.



AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB MEMBERS, from left - Frank Galli, Connie Galli, Nellie Organek, and Edward Organek were part of the large gathering who attending last month's Annual Christmas Party at Chez Josef. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



GOLDEN AGERS waiting to be seated at the Annual Christmas Party at Chez Josef are, from left - Eleanor O'Connell, Helen Blanchard, Rachel Frakes, and Marian Haubenreiser. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Police Association Fetes Kids For Christmas



OVER AT THE ITALIAN SPORTING CLUB on December 21st, the Agawam Police Association welcomed the arrival of Santa Claus with a group of local children. Santa is pictured with Mathieu Niles (left) and Jessica Vignato. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Ag. Methodist Church Part Of "Angel Tree"

Since the Christmas season of 1989, the Agawam United Methodist Church has been a willing and eager participant in the Angel Tree Project of Prison Ministries.

The first year (1989) was a feeling-out year with our congregation to see how receptive they would be to this kind of ministry. We were provided a family with five children ranging in age from five to 15 years old. This was very successful so the next year (1990), we decided to sponsor two families with a total of six children.

In 1991 we again sponsored two families with a total of six children. In each of these years, we have tried to help these families in various ways, such as obtaining mattresses, a Christmas tree, appliances, drapes, curtains, children's clothing, and winter footwear for the families.

The angel tree project is not just for Christmas, as it helps to introduce people to the needs of the Prison Ministries as a continuing help to the families when and where needed throughout the year.

If anyone is interested in this project, they may call the Agawam United Methodist Church, leaving their name and telephone number, and they will be placed on a list to be contacted in the coming year as to when and where to obtain an angel.



SPONSORED BY THE AGAWAM POLICE ASSOCIATION at the Italian Sporting Club, Santa Claus visits with local children on December 21st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

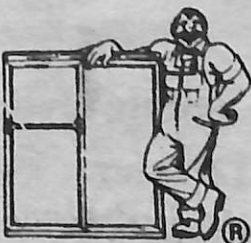
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Laughing Brook Has Family Sundays

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, MA, is continuing its series of "Sunday Afternoons on the Sanctuary" each Sunday in January at 2:00 p.m. These hour-long family programs provide an introduction to an area of natural history and are included in the price of sanctuary admission.

Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens and children under 16, and free for children under three and Massachusetts Audubon members. Laughing Brook is open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The wildlife exhibit is open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

* **January 12th — "Burgess Birthday Celebration":** Join us in remembering the man who gave us Reddy Fox, Unc' Billy Possum and the Merry Little Breezes. This one-and-one-half hour event includes songs, games, animals, stories, and, of course, a birthday cake in honor of Thornton W. Burgess.

* **January 19th — "Life in the Winter Woods":** Nibbled twigs, tracks and fallen feathers tell stories of the active lives of animals. Learn to be a nature detective and solve the mysteries in the winter woods.

* **January 26th — "Winter Scavenger Hunt and Bingo":** Challenge all of your senses to find winter wildlife by combining a scavenger hunt and bingo into an hour of fun.

For further information on "Sunday Afternoons on the Sanctuary" or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter, call 413-566-8034.

Cribbage Players Extraordinaire



OVER AT THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER last month, Bob Dugan and Penny Casey are engaged in a cribbage game during a Cribbage Tournament at the center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Spaghetti Party" Slated For Ag. Library Jan. 11th

Come to the Agawam Public Library on Saturday, January 11th, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a story hour called "SPAGHETTI I SAY," based on our favorite food. It will feature spaghetti stories, a noodle craft, and a pasta snack for all, designed for ages four and up.

This program is for Agawam and Feeding Hills residents only. Please call 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street to register.

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ANN MARIE AVERY & PATRICK E. ANSON

Ann Marie Avery To Wed. Mr. Anson

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Avery of 20 Robin Lane, Feeding Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann Marie Avery to Patrick E. Anson of Bridgeport, Washington. He is the son of Eugene Oscar Anson and Mrs. Joann Davis of Bridgeport, Washington.

Miss Avery is a graduate of Agawam High School and is presently serving on the USS Sierra, a destroyer with the United States Navy, in the Mediterranean.

Mr. Anson is a graduate of Bridgeport High School, and is also presently serving on the USS Sierra.

A February, 1993 wedding is planned.



PATRICIA A. SMITH & WILLIAM P. SOUDER

Patricia A. Smith To Wed William P. Souder

Mr. and Mrs. Neil D. Smith of Memorial Drive, Feeding Hills would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Ann, to Mr. William Paul Souder of Brunswick, Maine. Mr. Souder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron H. Souder, Jr. of Baribeau Drive, Brunswick, Maine.

Ms. Smith is a 1980 graduate of Agawam High School. She attended Holyoke Community College and received a degree in hospitality management. Ms. Smith is employed as traffic coordinator for Peter Pan Bus Lines, Inc. of Springfield, Mass.

Mr. Souder is a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy, Interlochen, Michigan. He attended West Virginia University and is a graduate of Southern Maine Technical College with a degree in culinary arts. He is employed as a cook with Canteen Services Corp. in Freeport, Maine.

The couple is planning an October, 1992 wedding.

Airman Scott Smith Arrives In Louisiana

Air Force Airman Scott A. Smith, an apprentice security specialist, has arrived for duty at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.

He is the son of Augustus A. Smith of 51 Amherst Avenue, Feeding Hills, and Louise D. Smith of 68 Cotey Avenue, Chicopee.

The airman is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School.



LAURIE I. BOUCHARD & THOMAS R. FEARN

Laurie I. Bouchard To Wed Mr. Fearn

Lawrence and Hope Bouchard of Feeding Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurie Irene Bouchard to Thomas Richard Fearn, son of Richard and Betty Fearn of Feeding Hills.

The Bride-to-be is a 1985 graduate of Agawam High School, and is employed at S.T.A.R.T. Physical Therapy. The groom is a 1982 graduate of Agawam High School, and is a race car fabricator and driver.

An October, 1993 wedding has been planned.

Oldies Dance Slated At Polish Club

An "Oldies Dance" will be held on Saturday, January 18th, at the Polish American Club, Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.

Sponsored by the Feeding Hills Chapter of Operation Friendship of America (a youth cultural exchange program), the dance will feature music by D.J. Dancing Dave. Tickets are \$6 in advance, and \$7 at the door.

To reserve tickets in advance, call Ray Drewnowski, 786-5814; Roxanne Zern, 786-1679; or Bill Rose, 786-0195.

Proceeds from the dance will be used to help defer travel expenses for nine local youth who will be traveling to Europe this summer.

*All the local news
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LYNN K. LEFEBVRE & ALAN J. PLASSE

Lynn K. Lefebvre Engaged To Alan J. Plasse

Mr. & Mrs. Leon Lefebvre of Meadow Street, Agawam, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn Kelly Lefebvre to Alan J. Plasse, son of Mr. & Mrs. Roger R. Plasse of Warner Street, Springfield.

An October 1993 wedding is planned.

The future bride is a 1986 graduate of Agawam High School. She is employed by Waldbaum's Food Mart in Agawam.

Her fiancé is a 1983 graduate of the former Technical High School in Springfield. He is employed by Friendly's Ice Cream Corp., Wilbraham.

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From the PULPIT

by Rev. Len Cowan
St. David's Church

Remember the Sabbath

Throughout the Bible, we find God encouraging His people to "remember the Sabbath Day" (Exodus 20:8): to "sabat," to cease or to pause from one's normal work routine and to keep one day as holy, "the Lord's Day."

The focus of the day is to be upon God, the giver of all good gifts, including life and work, who patterned rest for His People by Himself Resting.

Not only did observing this sixth Commandment set God's people apart from others who toiled without ceasing, but also it was a visible reminder that the people of God had been set free from their slavery in Egypt and from their bondage to sin. Today it is still intended to be a blessing of peace for the members of one's household and for one's associates and employees as well.

As we start a new year, let's encourage each other to keep the Lord's Day, "not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging each other" (Heb 10:25). Let's be different from those who are slaves to work, and enjoy the blessed peace and rest which God gives in the Spirit and in the Sabbath.

Too much work to do? That second or third job keep you tied up on weekends? Talk with your Pastor about it, and see if, together with others in your church, you can make it possible for everyone (including you) to be blessed by keeping the Sabbath.

Agawam Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday, January 13th: Stuffed pepper, mashed potatoes, corn, rye bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, January 14th: Minestrone, open-faced turkey sandwich, potato rounds, chocolate chip cookie.

Wednesday, January 15th: Baked chicken breast, baked potato, butternut squash, pumpernickel bread, grapefruit pudding.

Thursday, January 16th: Hamburg stew (potatoes, carrots, peas, onions, celery), baking powder biscuit, tossed salad, mixed fruit.

Friday, January 17th: Baked scrod, rice Florentine, pickled beets, rye bread, applesauce with raisins.

Jr. Women's Club Supports Economic Act

The Agawam Junior Women's Club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, supports the Economic Equity Act of 1991.

New opportunities for women in the workforce need to be established, with the breakdown of barriers and development of job skills. Furthermore, women business owners have been sorely neglected and need assistance.

The Economic Equity Act of 1991 addresses these concerns under the four titles of employment opportunities, women in business, economic justice, and retirement equity. This broad agenda will improve the economic situation of women of all ages and skills level.

Join the Junior Women's Club in support of this bill by writing Representative John Oliver. Passage is needed to address women's concerns about their economic security now and in the future.

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MR. & MRS. FRANK DONOVAN

Donovans Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Donovan of 301 Rowley Street, Agawam, were married 50 years ago on December 13th, 1941, in Salem, Massachusetts. The anniversary was celebrated last summer at a first-ever family reunion held at Look Park.

Over 100 family members from all over the country gathered to pay their respects to Frank and Edith. Frank attended Boston College and served in the 91st Bomb Group in England during World War II. Before retiring, he owned Reliable Telephone Answering Service in Springfield.

Edith (Chagnon) graduated from Miss Fay's Secretarial School. The couple have six children: Betsy Pinto in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Kate Shipley in Summerfield, Florida; Noreen Williams in Russell; Meg Kazmaier in Santa Ana, California; Jim in Agawam; and Terry in Westfield.

They also have 11 grandchildren.

Winter Pool Classes

Week Of Jan. 6th Thru Week Of Feb. 24th

BABY AND ME:

3 - 24 months

Baby's first water experience, designed to enhance physical ability by providing a new environment in which the child can move about. Emphasis is on the parents and children having fun and enjoying the water.

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Tuesday Jan. 7th - Feb. 25th 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Members - \$25.00 Non-Members - \$35.00

BABY SWIM & GYM:

3 months - 2½ years

This class is geared to "having fun" with parents as instructors providing their child with a secure, caring, loving environment to create a positive attitude towards water and exercise—an important foundation to last a lifetime through parent's example. A 30 minute gym session and a 30 minute pool session. Eight week sessions. Meets once per week.

Wednesday Jan. 8th - Feb. 26th 9:30 - 11:45 a.m.
Members - \$35.00 Non-Members - \$45.00

TODDLER SWIM & GYM:

2½ - 5 years (Mon. or Thurs.)

Class will help improve pre-schooler's self-confidence, independence, motor coordination, hand-eye and foot-eye coordination, teach them to wait their turn, and develop socialization skills in both the gym and the pool. A 30 - 40 minute pool session followed by a 30 minute gym period. Eight week sessions. Meets once per week.

Monday Jan. 6th - Feb. 24th 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday Jan. 9th - Feb. 27th 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Members - \$40.00 Non-Members - \$50.00

BEGINNER SWIM LESSONS:

5 - 10 years

This program introduces children to the basic skills of swimming and enjoyment of the water. Front and back float, breathing techniques, and safety skills will be covered. Each child is encouraged to progress at his/her own level. Eight week sessions. Meets once per week.

New Day! Wednesday Jan. 8th - Feb. 26th 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Members - \$36.00 Non-Members - \$46.00 **New Time!**

ADVANCED BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE SWIM LESSONS:

10-plus years

Pre-requisite for this class is successful completion of the Beginner Swim Class or the Beginner Level Skills Test. This class will introduce the student to the basic swim strokes of the front crawl, back crawl, sidestroke, and breaststroke. Eight week sessions. Meets once per week.

New Day! Wednesday Jan. 8th - Feb. 26th 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.
Members - \$36.00 Non-Members - \$46.00 **New Time!**



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Senior Center List Of January Events

Friday, January 10th: 1:00 p.m., Cards For Fun.

Saturday, January 11th: 6:30 p.m., Bingo Night.

Monday, January 13th: 12:45 p.m., Monday Movie Day.

Monday, January 13th: 1:00 p.m., Cribbage and Agawam Rummy.

Wednesday, January 15th: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Free Legal Consultation with Attorney Anthony Bonavita.

Friday, January 17th: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Office Hours with Representative Michael Walsh.

Friday, January 17th: 1:00 p.m., Cards For Fun.

Saturday, January 18th: 6:30 p.m., Bingo Night.

Monday, January 20th: Senior Center Closed. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Tuesday, January 21st: 10:30 a.m., C.O.A. Board Meeting. You are invited to come and meet the Board members.

Tuesday, January 21st: 1:00 p.m., Special Activity—Bingo in the Afternoon.

Tuesday, January 21st: 1:00 p.m., Free Blood Pressure Screening, M-Z.

Tuesday, January 21st: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Free Legal Consultation with Attorney Teryl Deegan, By Appointment.

Friday, January 24th: 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., Conversation with Councilor Joanne Willis.

Friday, January 24th: 1:00 p.m., Cards For Fun.

Saturday, January 25th: 6:30 p.m., Bingo Night.

Monday, January 27th: 12:45 p.m., Monday Movie Day.

Monday, January 27th: 1:00 p.m., Cribbage and Agawam Rummy.

Tuesday, January 28th: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Free Eye Exams with Community Eye Care.

Tuesday, January 28th: Special 12:30 Program with John DeBarbieri: "How To Make Your Money Work Harder For You" (and more).

Thursday, January 30th: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Foot Nurses, By Appointment.

What "Friends" Is Doing

A welcome to the 1992 Officers of "Friends," elected at the December meeting of the Board of Directors: President, Lillian Doyle; Vice President, Desiree Jacobs; Secretary, Mary Leahy; Treasurer, James Griffin; Asst. Treasurer, Barbara Gingras.

The new Board is already making plans for the Spring fundraiser, the Annual Dinner, to be held at the Senior Center. Watch for date and time.

It is time to renew your membership for 1992 if you have not already done so. All Agawam residents are encouraged to join and support "Friends," whose purpose is to raise funds for the benefit of the Center and our seniors.

Individual dues are \$3 a year; for corporations or business, \$15. New Membership Chairman is Helen Blanchard...let's keep her busy.

Auditions

Auditions are now being held for a female vocalist and a back-up piano player (male or female, preferably persons familiar with old standards).

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Chamber Xmas Breakfast At Federal Hill Club



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE gathered at the Federal Hill Club in Agawam for their Annual Christmas Breakfast. **IN TOP PHOTO**, Patrick Carley, chamber president (standing, right), said he was pleased with the great turnout. **RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser

News photos by Jack Devine.



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Auditions will be held during rehearsals, which are held on Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please contact Sandra Smith if you wish to try out.

Tune In

Keep tuned in to coming events. Plans are being completed to hold a once a month senior dance at the Senior Center. They will be held in the evening, on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

The target date is scheduled for February. If you know a well-versed musician, Libario Campagna, or better known as Libby Camp, then you know we are going to have the best. Keep in touch for confirmation.

Movies...Movies...Movies

The 'once per month movies' are now once per week movies. Movie Day was so well received that the request was made to have them more often.

Every Monday is now "Movie Monday"! Plan ahead for lunch and spend the afternoon with us.

Taxes...They're Back!

It's that time again. If you need free assistance to file your income tax this year, the volunteer group AARP will be starting in February. Their hours will be 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. every Wednesday, beginning February 5th. By appointment.

Classes

All classes resumed their normal schedule this past Monday (January 6th). There has been one change with the exercise classes...the new days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Please mark your calendar.

Cards

As promised, there will be a new card game introduced each month on Monday, Card Game Day. The game planned for January is 'Agawam Rummy'; and February, 'Crazy Whist!'. The fun starts at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

If you have a game you would like to learn or share, please bring it to the attention of Sandra, Activities Director, or Janice, Volunteer Coordinator.

Snap-Tops Needed

Aluminum snap-tops are needed to help "Bela Grotto," a Masonic organization, for recycling. Proceeds will be used for projects associated with cerebral palsy.

You can leave them with the Activities Department. Thank you in advance.

Catholic Women Plan Art Auction For Saturday, Jan. 18th

A different type of fundraiser is being planned for Saturday, January 18th, by the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam. It will be an Art Auction spotlighting famous artists such as Marc Chagall, Norman Rockwell, and Salvador Dali.

The Ross Galleries of Hilbrook, New York, will conduct the benefit auction. The artworks will be in the forms of lithographs, silk screens, oil paintings, and etchings.

The Catholic Women's Club will collect a small admission charge, as well as a portion of the proceeds from the sales.

This is the first time the club has held a benefit of this type and is very excited about this upcoming event.

The art auction will be held on Saturday, January 18th, at St. John's Parish Center, 843 Main Street, Agawam. The doors will open at 7:00 p.m. with a preview, and refreshments will be served. The auction will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Those interested in purchasing tickets may contact Linda Bryskiewicz, 789-0705, or Mary Lou Vigue, 786-1959, the two chairpersons of this event. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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Credit Union Staff Enjoys Xmas Breakfast



RICHARD PISANO (right), executive director of the Agawam Federal Credit Union, and members of his staff, enjoy the Annual Christmas Breakfast last month at the Federal Hill Club sponsored by the Agawam Chamber of Commerce. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Town Accepting Applications For Summer Camp Jobs

The Personnel office is accepting applications for summer positions at Perry Lane Park and Camp Rainbow. Applications may be obtained from the personnel office, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam during the hours 8:30-4:30 P.M., Monday-Friday. Applicants may also request an application by contacting the office at 786-0400, Ext. 213 or 239. Applications must be returned to the personnel office on or before May 1, 1992.

The town is recruiting applicants for many and varied positions which require diversified skills and qualifications. For more information regarding qualifications, please contact the personnel office at 786-0400, Ext. 213 or 239 or the parks and recreation office at 786-0400, Ext. 456.

Perry Lane Summer Camp will operate from June 29, 1992 through August 21, 1992. Camp Rainbow will operate from June 30, 1992 through August 14, 1992.

The Town of Agawam is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Laughing Brook Has Preschool Sessions

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary is offering a series of 10 weekly programs to introduce preschoolers to the ways of nature.

Sessions are available Tuesday mornings, Tuesday afternoons, Thursday mornings or Friday mornings, beginning the week of January 21st. There are no classes during the week of February 18th.

Preschoolers will follow the transition of winter to spring, investigating a different topic each week. Their adventures include hiking in woods and fields, playing games, sharing stories and making crafts.

Fees for the series are \$70 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$85 for non-members. Group size is limited to 10, and preregistration is required at least three days in advance.

For further information or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter with complete listings, call 413-566-8034.

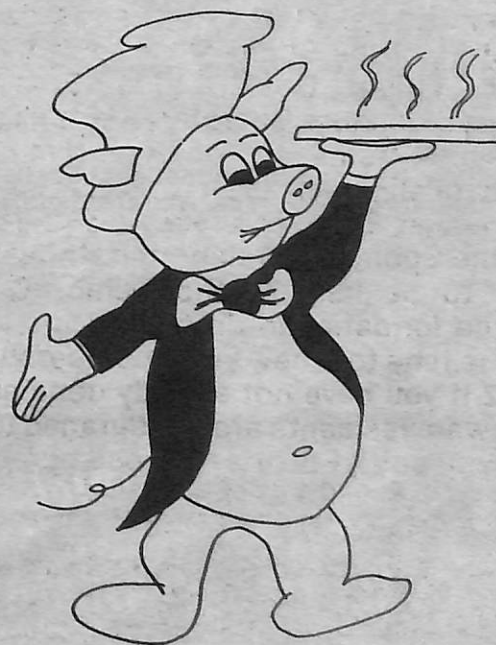
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\$739 Raised From DARE Walkathon



AT THE DECEMBER MEETING OF the Agawam Junior Women's Club, Project DARE Officer Donald Gallerani received a check for \$739 from the Agawam Junior Women's Club's DARE Walkathon last fall. Presenting Officer Gallerani with the check are Junior Women's Club members Betty Vershon (left) and Laura Paul. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Pre-School Crafts At Agawam Lib. Jan 13th

The Agawam Public Library has lots of craft and activity ideas to share with you and your two year-old on Monday, January 13th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Instead of giving a lecture, the library is inviting you to bring your two year-old along for an hour of hands-on fun. Please, no older siblings for this one.

This program is made possible through the Early Childhood Services Expansion Project, federally funded by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

This program is for Agawam and Feeding Hills residents only. Please call 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street to register.

Private Thomas Quick Completes Training

Army National Guard Private 1st Class Thomas J. Quick has completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia.

During the course, students received training which qualified them as light-weapons infantrymen and as indirect-fire crewmen in a rifle or mortar squad.

Instruction included weapons qualifications, tactics, patrolling, land mine warfare, field and combat operations.

He is the son of Donna M. Quick of 84 Line Street, Feeding Hills.

The private is a 1990 graduate of Springfield Central High School.

Agawam Clergy Plan Special Sunday Prayers At 3 Town Churches

On Sunday, January 19th, the churches of the Agawam Clergy Association will begin their observance of the nationwide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with an afternoon of worship, education, and fellowship at three of the member churches.

The public is invited to gather at St. David's Episcopal Church, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, at 2:00 p.m.; to proceed to Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, for 2:40 p.m.; and to finish the afternoon at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street at 3:20 p.m.

Each church will lead a brief worship service in its own unique style, offer an explanation of the major features of its particular tradition, conduct a question and answer session, and lead a concluding tour of the church facilities.

It is hoped that this opportunity to visit three Agawam churches which express three streams of Christian tradition will enable the participants to appreciate both the diversity which Christians experience in Christ and the unity which we share in Him.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Further information about this event is available from each participating church, or by calling St. David's Church at 786-6133.

Grieving Families Can Receive Support From Forastiere Funeral

Robert Zucker, MA, LCSW, well-known throughout the region for his work with grieving families, will be the lecturer for the January "Guest Speaker Program" offered by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes (Forastiere Funeral Home, Colonial Funeral Home, and Southwick Funeral Home).

The program will be held on Tuesday, January 14th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, in the lower church hall, 123 William Street, in Springfield.

Zucker has been the program director of the Pediatric Counseling Program at Baystate Medical Center for the past 10 years. In this capacity he has worked as counselor, human services consultant and teacher, bringing compassionate care to families who are experiencing the dying and death of a child.

Hundreds of bereaved people have been touched by his guidance, and through these contacts he has gained expertise in the process of grief.

Zucker has been guest lecturer for numerous health care associations both locally and nationally, his most recent ones including the American Institute of Life-Threatening Illness and Loss in Louisville, Kentucky; the National Conference on Bereavement in Ottawa, Canada; and the World Gathering on Bereavement in Seattle, Washington.

In March, he will be a featured speaker in Boston at the 1992 annual convention of the national Association of Death Educators and Counselors. In appreciation of Zucker's outstanding contributions in health care, he is to be honored this year as a Blue Ribbon Recipient for the New England Healthcare Association.

One of his current interests lies in the "denial" factor in the grief process. Both professionals and the bereaved have long viewed "denial" issues as "negative" or "bad" and a detriment to a healthy grief resolution.

Zucker states that a new approach viewing "denial" as a positive function might be more productive. Understanding "denial" and using it as a tool in healing could be an approach that would help those who are grieving.

The January 14th lecture, "The Function of Denial...FRIEND, not foe," will address this concept.

This Guest Speaker Night is part of "OPTIONS...for a brighter tomorrow," emotional support programs for those who are grieving, offered by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes.

All of their OPTIONS programs are free of charge and are provided for anyone in the community who is grieving. For more information, call 733-5311.

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Pizza Party Held At Heritage Hall



HERITAGE HALL RESIDENTS (West Building) Lena Morelli and Lucy McLean are making pizza for staff of the soup kitchen. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MR. & MRS. JOHN G. DEVINE

Family Program At Ag. Library Jan. 22nd

The entire family is invited to bring pillows and non-drippy snacks to the community room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, on Wednesday, January 22nd, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Come enjoy "Peter and the Magic Egg," an animated film about baby Peter who grows as big as a 12 year old in just one year; and "Snake Prince," an animated puppet film about a prince who was changed into a snake for rejecting a wicked witch.

This program is funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with Title I funds of L.S.C.A (Library Services and Construction Act), a federal source of library funding.

Feeding Hills and Agawam residents may call the library at 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street to register for the program.

Ag. Masonic Lodge Donate To Charity

Elm-Belcher Masonic Lodge in Agawam has donated the receipts from their Sunday Breakfast held on December 8th, to the West Springfield Open Pantry. During the year other donations have been made from the receipts of these Sunday Breakfasts.

Sunday Breakfast is available to the public, for a very reasonable price, on the second Sunday of the month. The next Breakfast will be offered on Sunday, January 12th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

In addition to the presentation of the receipts, several boxes of food goods have been collected and presented through an ongoing Hampers program.

Continued support has been planned for the West Springfield Open Pantry throughout this year by the officers and members of Elm-Belcher Lodge.

Wendy S. Rapp Weds John G. Devine

Wendy S. Rapp and John G. Devine exchanged wedding vows at Alexander's Banquet Facility on December 28th. Reverend Curt Fuller performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Patricia Croxford of Suffield, CT, and Walter Rapp of West Suffield, CT. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. John P. Devine of Agawam.

Lisa-Marie Phillips, sister of the bride, attended the bride as matron of honor. Patrick Devine, brother of the groom, served as best man.

The bride graduated from Suffield High School. She is employed at Revelation Technologies.

The groom graduated from Agawam High School. He is employed at Boeing Aerospace.

The couple now resides in Redmond, Washington.

Local Women Sought For Wagon Club

Interested women are cordially invited to attend the Tuesday, January 14th meeting of the Welcome Wagon Club of West Springfield and Agawam.

This month's meeting will feature a speaker from Baystate Medical Center on health and exercise, followed by social time and a short business meeting. The meeting place will be Mit-tineague Congregational Church, Route 20, West Springfield, in the upstairs meeting room at 7:30 p.m.

The club welcomes all prospective members, particularly new movers and new mothers. If you are interested in learning more about the club, but will be unable to attend the meeting, please call Jean Wier-nasz, 786-5365.

A morning Tea is planned for later this month, and interested women are cordially invited to attend. For details, please call Jean at the above number.

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Creative Parenting At Ag. Library Jan. 16th

The Agawam Public Library will offer a workshop, Creative Parenting: Nurturing Your Preschooler, on Thursday, January 16th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The speaker will be Gretchen May, an Extension Specialist with the University of Massachusetts Cooperative Extension System.

Raising a capable, happy, and confident adult is often the goal of parenting, and you can never start too soon.

This discussion will help parents focus on their goals for their children and give them techniques to nurture their children toward those goals. Ages and stages of child development will be discussed, as will how parents' expectations need to coincide with those ages and stages.

Ms. May works primarily in the Pioneer Valley with families, schools and human service agencies on family issues. Her area of specialization is parenting, and she has been doing programming in that field for over 14 years.

Her recently completed Master's Degree is in Adult Education, with emphasis on human development and cultural awareness. In addition to bringing research-based information to her workshops, Gretchen May adds a "real-life" aspect since she has two daughters of her own.

This project is being funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with Title I funds of L.S.C.A. (Library Services and Construction Act), a federal source of library funding.

Ag. Baptist Church To Hold Family Supper

The Agawam Baptist Church will be holding a Family Style Ham & Bean Supper on Saturday, January 11th, with servings at 4:45 and 6:15 p.m.

The menu consists of baked ham, home-baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, beverages (coffee, tea, or milk), and assorted homemade pies.

Adults are \$7, and children (under 10) are \$3. Make your reservations by calling 786-8624, 786-8609, or 786-8570. (If you find you are unable to honor your reservation, please call and cancel.)

In Memory Of Centenarian Madge Rock



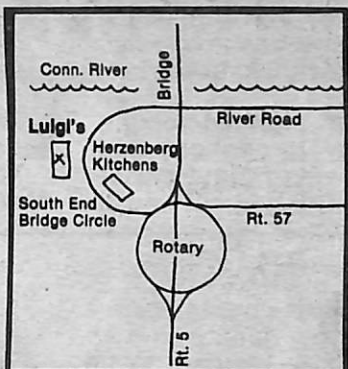
IN DECEMBER 1990, residents of Agawam, Feeding Hills, and Southwick traveled to St. Johnsbury, Vermont to celebrate the 100th birthday of Madge Rock. Pictured above is Madge, the first generation; Jennette Lewis of Southwick, second generation; Judy Heiden of Feeding Hills, third generation; Cory & Laura Heiden of Feeding Hills and Cherie Houghton of Agawam, fourth generation; and the children (fifth generation) are John Houghton of Agawam, and Kelly and Lauren Heiden of Feeding Hills. Madge was born December 17th, 1890. To the family's sorrow, Madge passed away on December 26th, 1991.

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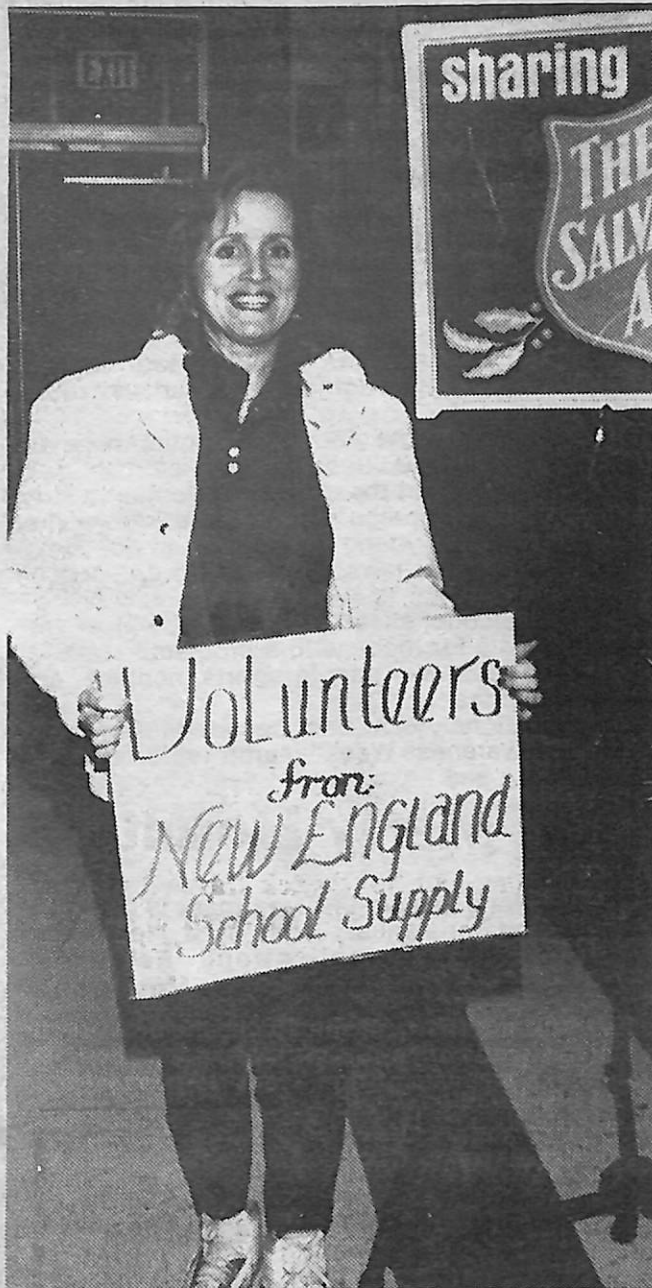
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Spotlight On Business

Christmas Volunteer



JUDY DUCLOS, an employee of New England School Supply in Agawam, donated her time as a volunteer for the Salvation Army collection kettle at the Agawam Food Mart on December 19th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

MAACO Of West Springfield Receives National Certification For Expertise

Hoping to gain the same recognition in collision repair that it has long received as the nation's leading auto painter, MAACO recently began certifying individual franchise owners who have committed equipment, training and experience to heavy collision and accident work.

Among those recently certified were Joseph Houghton and Bruce Tilden of the 78 Sylvan Street, West Springfield center.

Most of the 430 MAACO centers already have the equipment and expertise needed to restore vehicles to pre-accident condition, and are expected to be certified in the next few years.

A week-long certification seminar at the company's King of Prussia, Pennsylvania headquarters reviews both technical and marketing material. Participants also receive Advance-Tech certification from the Inter-Industry Conference On Auto Collision Repair (I-CAR).

Continual monitoring of the certified centers by MAACO Enterprises includes spot checks in all phases of repair.

"Becoming collision certified means MAACO corporate recognizes that our center meets the highest standards for the repair of major vehicle

damage," said Houghton. "Nothing less than pre-accident condition is acceptable, in terms of both bodywork and paint."

"MAACO offers the most comprehensive warranty in the business," Houghton continued. "It certifies the integrity of the safety design, structural body repairs and suspension alignments. Manufacturer's original equipment replacement parts are warranted against rust-through, and the paint has a two-year warranty against discoloration, peeling and cracking."

The center features the latest frame straightening, welding and other equipment necessary for restoring the integrity of unibody vehicles. Top-grade materials enable trained MAACO technicians to restore the vehicle's original look, whether the owner chooses spot, panel or complete refinishing.

The MAACO franchise chain has repaired and painted nearly six million cars since founder and president Anthony A. Martino opened the first center in Wilmington, Delaware, in 1972. He attributes the company's continuing success to its reputation for service and value.

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Keeping A Positive Mental Focus For '92!

Question: Dear Dr. Sobel—It has been quite a while since I last wrote you. I still greatly enjoy your columns and advice.

I am now in my mid 50's and another year is here—hard to believe! I want to let you know that while much has changed in my life this year, your words of advice still ring in my ears.

You said, "Keep Your Eye On The Finish Line At All Times!" This type of thinking has reduced my stress levels because it allows me to realize that there are (and will continue to be) many things I CANNOT change about people or situations.

I feel more in control of my life, as I also listen more and say less (another Dr. Sobel tidbit). Thanks for being the concerned person you are. I have also ordered your new book, which I heard mentioned recently in an interview on the Dan York Show with you.

Terrific!

R.T. - Agawam

Comment: BRAVO! You really are saying to all of us to keep a daily positive focus. Concentrate on ideas/goals that will allow yourself, family and people you work with to grow and work together in a positive fashion.

When you keep your thoughts (as much as possible) on "good things," it is amazing how things seem to come your way! Also, when you persevere and "go the extra mile" at work or at home, you will also notice how things seem to work out for the positive.

This is really some of the essence of keeping a "positive focus." I also recommend that you detach yourself, if necessary, from NEGATIVE people—these are people who condemn ideas you have, do not support your individuality, and really infrequently have something supportive or nice to say.

It seems that, according to them, someone is always licking the candy off their apple. I wish you and all the readers a very merry New Year! Write again soon!

Valuable Info: Upcoming seminar! The seminar "The Real Power of Laughter, Humor and Daily Positive Attitude" will be presented February 25th and February 28th at the Ramada in West Springfield.

Both sessions are 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Call for registration form and tickets at 785-1259. Learn ideas on how to "take yourself lightly" and also understand why those who laugh, generally LAST!

My new book, "The Good Times Handbook—Your Guide To Positive Living And An Exciting Life," is available at pre-publication price! Offer expires soon.

Cost is \$10.00 plus \$2.50 for shipping/postage. To order, send check payable to Dr. Steve Sobel to: Dr. Sobel, The New England Institute For Stress Management, 425 Union Street, West Springfield, MA, 01089.

Book will be sent by early February; will cost more once in stores. Please write your name and address also, and how many of these books you want—treat yourself to this exceptional opportunity.

Adult self-esteem group starts in mid January on Monday or Friday evenings for four consecutive weeks, with two hours per session in a very supportive group setting.

Call 785-1259 for info and special fee structure. This is our fourth year for this program—we must be doing something right!!!

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ADVERTISER NEWS

Underage Drinking by the Agawam Health Department

Alcohol is the number one drug problem for youths. It is the most widely available drug, and the pressures on youth to drink are numerous, powerful and complex.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism estimates that 4.6 million teenagers aged 14 to 17 experience serious alcohol-related problems.

Alcohol-related traffic accidents are the leading cause of death and spinal injury for young Americans. Alcohol is implicated in thousands of adolescent drownings, suicides, violent injuries, homicides, burns, unwanted pregnancies, and cases of sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS.

It is a major factor in students' academic problems and thousands of serious crimes, brawls, fights, assaults, rapes, and vandalisms that occur each year.

The use of alcohol may not only block a young person's academic learning and achievement; it may also interfere with learning skills essential for establishing and maintaining healthy relationships, for coping with disappointment and distress, and for making successful transitions from school to the workplace.

Alcohol is the leading cause of death for young people today. Scientific studies provide important facts about the youth who use alcohol:

1. About four out of 10 adolescents aged 12 to 17 used alcohol.
2. Alcohol use usually starts at age 13.
3. Youths who use alcohol are more likely to use other drugs.

4. The earlier a young person starts using alcohol, the more likely he or she is to have alcohol and other problems like teen pregnancy and school failure.

5. Nearly six out of every 10 high school seniors use alcohol.

6. Nearly one out of every three high school seniors drinks heavily.

7. In college, 41% of the student population drinks heavily.

8. Up to half of college students get drunk at least once a month.

What can be done to prevent alcohol use by youths?

At an early age, children should learn from their parents, teachers, and other significant people in the community about the dangers of abusing alcohol. The messages about these dangers should continue through adolescence and young adulthood.

To discourage the abuse of alcohol, here are some ways communities can help:

1. Find out about the danger of alcohol to kids.
2. Start a campaign so everyone knows that alcohol is a drug young people should not use.
3. Demand that laws on underage drinking be enforced.
4. Stop alcohol advertising to kids.
5. Get help for those with a problem.
6. Help kids take part in sports, hobbies, and other activities.

The National PTA has declared "Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week" March 1st through 7th, 1992.

Free Diabetic Screening At Mercy Hospital

The Patient Education Department at the Mercy Hospital Center for Health is offering a free series of diabetic education programs to the public. Classes are offered at 2:30 p.m. in the Breck Room of the Deliso Conference Center.

"Introduction to Diabetes" will be offered on January 13th by a nurse educator; "Diet and Diabetes," presented by a dietician or nurse educator, will be offered on January 14th;

"Medications Used in the Treatment of Diabetes" is planned for January 15th by a Mercy pharmacist; and "Complications Related to Diabetes," offered on January 16th, will be presented by a nurse educator.

Pre-registration is required for the series. For more information, call Patient Education at 747-9100 between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. weekdays, or leave a message.

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This Week At The Movies... "Prince Of Tides" Gripping Adult Flick

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Working both sides of the camera, Barbra Streisand finds the perfect balance between performance and the orchestration thereof. In *"The Prince of Tides,"* she has created a winner, albeit one with a myriad of unsettling themes.

As psychiatrist Susan Lowenstein, the Manhattan-based Streisand is charged with finding the underlying reasons for a young writer's attempted suicide. She engages the help of Tom Wingo (Nick Nolte), a southern high school teacher, football coach and twin brother to Streisand's patient, who remembers nothing about her family history.

Nolte is destined to become his twin's memory, a process that soon has him confronting his own troubled marriage and the demons of childhood.

The setting off the Carolina coastline has the Wingo children growing up on a tidal plain, hiding from family war by dousing themselves—clothes and all—in the sea.

The filming is panoramic, gentle, turbulent at times, filled with rich colors and textures offset by glimpses of poverty, peeling paint and old furnishings.

The story begins in childhood—dreamy times of shared experiences with only a hint of hidden terror and brutality.

The war between mother and son bubbles just beneath the surface, a pot boiling over with the news of still another suicide attempt so many miles away from home. It's the first hint of dissension and hatred.

Nolte, with his froggy southern drawl, heads to the city to help, leaving behind three golden daughters of his own and a troubled, disintegrating marriage, one in which communication has simply ceased to be.

As the past is unveiled, so is the future, with a trial separation, new-found loves, and a coming to terms with self and personal history.

The turbulent emotions begin with an abusive father; continue with a mother whose inability to cope perpetuates denial; and the three children (twins and their older brother) whose lives are mapped by these emotions.

Fear of loving, fear of losing, shame, misconceptions, fear, grief, rape, sodomy and murder are unveiled layer by layer, as Wingo confronts the truth about his family and himself.

It's a film filled at times with joy, at times with anguish, at times with humanity.

Moments between Wingo and his wife are all too familiar and trapped in stereotypes of "men don't cry" and "men have to be strong all the time", coupled with scenes of tentative communication and the too-real attempts to rebuild their relationship.

The interlude of passion and friendship between Lowenstein and Wingo is equally good, showing that doctors can be people, too. Lowenstein herself is from a troubled marriage which produced an equalled troubled musical prodigy—a son whose dream is to become as competent on the football field as he is on the violin.

The tenuous relationship between Wingo and another man's son is another moment of joy and laughter in this incredible film.

Make no mistake, the topics unveiled over the

two-plus hours of *The Prince of Tides* are not kids' stuff. But the adult audience at this showing showed their approval of intelligent adult filmmaking and storytelling with spontaneous applause at film's end.

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NICK NOLTE & BARBRA STREISAND find the perfect balance in *"The Prince of Tides."*

Over In Holyoke, It Was Big Business Vs. The Sisters Of St. Joseph

by Robert D. Chadbourne
Advertiser News Contributing Writer

The setting for this story is Holyoke, Massachusetts, but it could be Your Town, USA.

The Pyramid Mall Company and The May Company, parent of G. Fox, have surprised no one by winning a zone change approval, allowing a G. Fox expansion despite a vigorous fight by a religious order whose Mother House abuts.

Supporters saw construction jobs and \$300,000 in new tax revenue. The Sisters of Providence ministries and social services employ 1,400 in the region, and the sisters saw noise, litter, auto pollution, a brook runoff problem, and a menacing pipe that belches methane gas in the proximity of their bedrooms.

No social concern or enlightened leadership was expected from Holyoke's political community, and none was forthcoming.

Sister Kathleen Popko fought the good fight, and her flock was behind her at public hearings and private press conferences.

But Popko herself had some difficult baggage. She is a good, decent, loving provider to mankind in a battle that needed a grimy little street fighter.

The fact is a mall development company exists for one purpose: to put downtowns to death. Pyramid probably has 25 site projects in progress at any one time.

A suite of offices in a motel. Sponsoring cultural events to enhance the good-citizen image. Bankrolling the campaigns of office holders or office seekers likely to support the mall way of life.

They will win some and make a lot of money. They will lose some and save a lot of money in tax write-offs. Once in, the giant drug chain of the mall targets the downtown owner-operated Rexall store.

A Rexall prescription that cost \$20 is \$8 at the mall. Then a first line tire at \$50 at the auto store downtown is \$22 at the mall. When downtown dies, mall prices rise.

The south is dotted with cities that opted for the mall. Their downtowns now consist of Korean wig shops, karate schools, T-shirt operations, and cycle parts stores.

Some say malls killed the character of those towns, but in truth few of them had any character to begin with.

But New England does have towns with character, and it is terrible to see them being killed off. A zone change that ruins the quality of life for abutters is something that should be extremely difficult to accomplish.

If, in fact, Holyoke realizes \$300,000 in new tax revenue, that's enough to bring back 10 teachers of the 200 laid off.

The worse news is the money will never be realized. It will be eaten up by a beefed up police budget, needed to patrol the increased crime and congestion at the mall.

If you one day have to make such a choice, remember: the trade-off for a healthy mall is a dead downtown.

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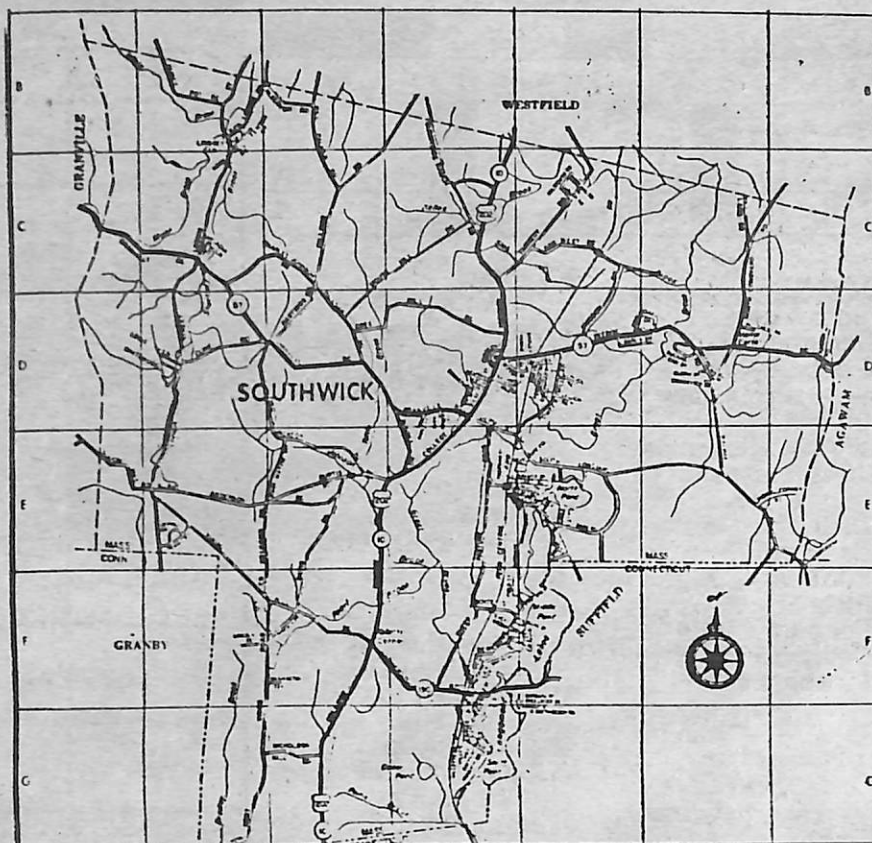


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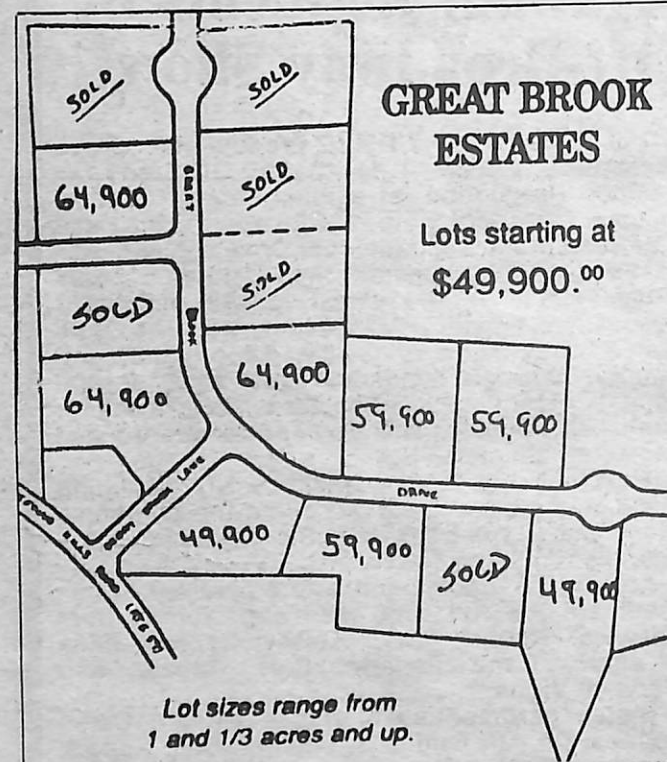
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Agawam Residents In Off-Broadway Show

The Huke Lau and DMVC productions will be presenting "Dick Tracy," an Off-Broadway Fashion Production, at a luncheon on Sunday, January 12th, beginning at 12:00 noon at the Huke Lau Restaurant, 705 Memorial Drive, Chicopee.

The event will benefit the Children's Study Home, which is the oldest, private non-profit agency in Western Massachusetts. The Children's Study Home is dedicated to children and families through residential treatment, special education, family education, transitional living for homeless families, and services to abused and neglected children.

Tickets to this worthy event are \$12, including lunch, and are available by calling the Children's Study Home, 739-5626, or at the Huke Lau Boutique, the Finishing Touch, 593-6771.

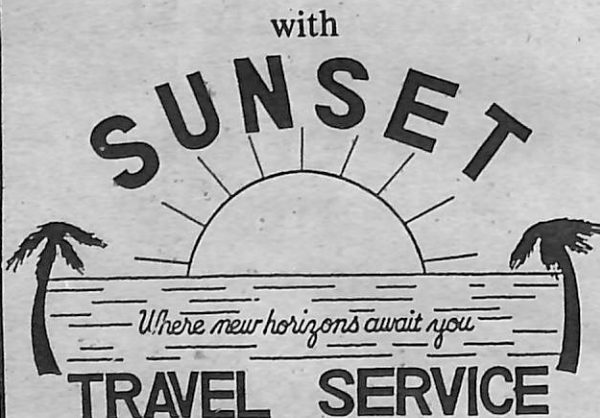
Among the models and actors involved in this event are the following men and women from Agawam: Robert Alves, Kelsey Connor, Elisa Newman, Dana Pellerin, Rick Rudzik, and MaryLou Vigue.

Stores participating in this event are Caren Charles, De Arti Originals, Fashion Bug, Kullig's, Lorraine's Bridal Fashions, and J. Riggings. Pictures are compliments of Russell's Portrait Studio, Fairfield Mall, Chicopee.

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by Edith LaFrancis
Town Historian

First Agawam Map

In 1795 the General Court required all the towns in Massachusetts to send in maps and statistics. The area west of the Connecticut, bounded by Northampton, Westfield and Suffield, was at this time all part of West Springfield.

The map sent in seems to have been as much the product of art and imagination as it was of accurate surveying, but is nonetheless interesting. Its defects cannot be laid to a lack of good surveyors, for there had been accurate work done long before that.

In 1684 the General Court made a special grant of land to the towns, the reason being that because of affairs in England they were afraid the land would revert back to the King.

A combined meeting of proprietors and townsmen divided this extra land into three divisions on the East side of the Connecticut and two on the West. The Agawam section included the area west of Line Street.

From "the head of the brook beyond Thomas Coopers that runs into Three Mile Brook into Southfield, southward, and into Westfield, westwards, to be alike distributed to each and every inhabitant and proprietor, their heirs and assigns forever, and in special land to be laid out for ministry and school."

The boundaries were surveyed and this grant was known as the "Outward Commons." Houses were built there a few years later, although the individual lots were evidently not laid out by survey until 1745.

When the town was set off as the 6th Precinct, these outer bounds were checked again and found to be accurate.

The 1795 map indicated main highways corresponding roughly to six of our streets; Westfield, Springfield, North, Main, Meadow, and River Road. "Cartways" are indicated on West, Suffield, Elm, Cooper, Adams, Poplar and Shoemaker Lane.

The streets are not named except to tell their terminal destination. North Street is "the Road to the Bridge." Springfield Street is "the Road from Great Barrington to Boston."

Westfield Street is "the Road from Hartford to Pittsfield." Main Street is "the Road from Hartford to Boston" or "from Hartford to Hanover and Dartmouth."

A sizable jog in the northwest corner indicates a section owned by Westfield at that time.

Four corn mills, a saw mill and a church are placed by drawings of buildings. We wish they had continued with this and added schools, of which there were at least four in 1795. North Meeting House was in Holyoke, and Dr. Lathrop's Meeting House in West Springfield.

Elfin Puppet Theatre At Ag. Library Jan. 25th

The Elfin Puppet Theatre returns to the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, on Saturday, January 25th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for a new and original puppet performance focusing on the theme of self-esteem.

We are sure to have another popular program from the very talented puppeteer, Sarah Elston, for those aged three and up.

This program is funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with Title I funds of L.S.C.A. (Library Services and Construction Act), a federal source of library funding.

Feeding Hills and Agawam residents may call the library at 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street to register for the program.

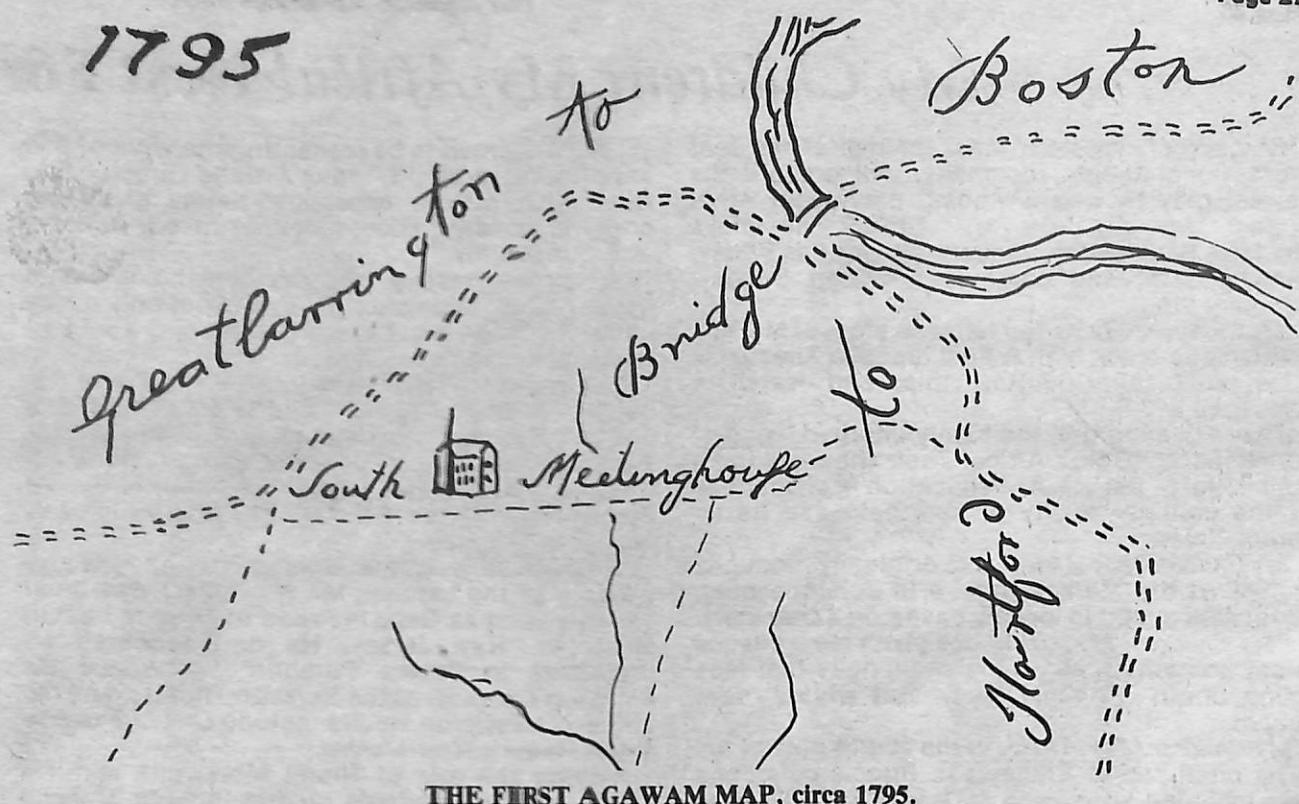
Exit Seven Players Plan Auditions For Spring Show

The Exit Seven Players will be holding auditions for the spring production of Phillip Barry's "The Philadelphia Story" on Monday and Tuesday, January 20th and 21st, at 7:00 at the Chestnut Theater in Ludlow. Performance dates will be April 3rd, 4th, 10th, and 11th.

The cast requires four women (ages 16 to to 50), and six men (ages 25 to 65), plus four men and two women for smaller parts.

Auditioners will be required to perform a prepared monologue, from one to two minutes in length. Choice of material is up to the auditioners, but should be of a style similar to the play.

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My Children! My Africa! Next For StageWest

StageWest, Western Massachusetts' resident professional theatre company, will present the newest play by award-winning playwright Athol Fugard, *My Children! My Africa!* The plays previews Wednesday, January 15th; opens Friday, January 17th; and continues through Sunday, February 9th.

My Children! My Africa! tells the story of Mr. M, a charismatic black high school teacher; Thami, his prize pupil from the township; and Isabel, a privileged white girl.

They are caught in the highly charged world of contemporary South Africa. Their friendship and their belief in the value of education is challenged by the political reality of apartheid and its inherent violence.

My Children! My Africa! was originally produced in 1989 at the Market Theatre in Johannesburg, South Africa, and is loosely based on a true story.

"*My Children! My Africa!* has given me a chance to say something about the challenges that face young South Africans, black and white," says Fugard.

My Children! My Africa! is the fourth play of his to be produced at StageWest. Prior productions have included *Sizwe Bansi Is Dead* in 1979-80; *Hello & Goodbye* in 1981-82; and "*Master Harold*"...and the Boys in 1984-85.

"We are proud to be presenting the work of this important playwright," says Artistic Director Eric Hill. "This play is especially timely given the ongoing concern about violence in our schools and our society."

"The play presents two very convincing points of view on this complex issue. It is not only a play about South African children; it is a play about all of our children."

Returning to StageWest to direct is David Epel. He is originally from South Africa and was one of the founding members of the Market Theatre Company in Johannesburg (where *My Children! My Africa!* had its premiere). At StageWest, he has directed *The Mystery of Irma Vep*.

StageWest newcomer Robert Colston takes on the role of the teacher, Mr. M. Robert was most recently seen as Gabe in *Fences* at Theatre Fest in Montclair, New Jersey. He has appeared on Broadway in Estelle Parsons' *Shakespeare On Broadway Company* at the Belasco Theatre, and his film and television credits include *One Life to Live* and *America's Most Wanted*.

Playing the role of Thami Mblkwana is Alvin Alexis, whose television credits include *21 Jump Street*, *The Preppie Murder*, *Bustin' Loose*, and the new *Adam-12*.

Jen Woodward joins the cast as Isabel Dyson.

She is a recent graduate from Carnegie Mellon University and is making her professional debut in *My Children! My Africa!*

The set is designed by Sarah Sullivan. She co-designed *Visions of an Ancient Mariner* with Keith Henery last season, as well as children's productions of *Jumping Mouse*, *Folktales and Legends* and the 1990 studio version of Eric Hill's *Hamlet*.

Performances of *My Children! My Africa!* run from January 15th through February 9th on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m.; and matinees at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29th, Saturday, February 8th, and Sunday, January 19th, 26th, February 2nd, and 9th.

Convenient parking is available in the Columbus Center parking garage above the theatre.

For more information about StageWest's production of *My Children! My Africa!* or to purchase tickets (which range in price from \$10 to \$28, depending on the night and the seat location), contact StageWest's box office at (413) 781-2340 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.

Student, senior citizen, and subscriber discounts are available. MasterCard and VISA are acceptable.

Suffield Players Announce Casting For Next Show

The Suffield Players announce that casting has been completed for their mid-winter production of *Dark Lady* by Karen Sunde.

The play is set against the backdrop of plague-ridden Elizabethan England and offers a passionate answer to one of literature's great mysteries—who was Shakespeare's Dark Lady of the Sonnets?

Konrad Rogowski of Chicopee has been cast as William Shakespeare, who in Sunde's play becomes obsessed with the mistress of the patron of his theatre company.

Emilia Bassano, a Venetian beauty and object of his fancy, will be played by Margie Secora of Southwick. Both actors are long-time Players and have won awards in both acting and directing at the Connecticut state drama festivals.

Paul Gessay of Windsor Locks will portray Shakespeare's adversary Lord Hundson, and Ed

Gogulski of Suffield fulfills the role of the Earl of Southampton—Shakespeare's courtly rival.

Newcomers to the Suffield Players are Susan Caplou of Windsor who plays Dora, attendant to Emilia; and Allison Glaser of Springfield, who provides much of the comic relief as the feisty bar wench, Lindy.

Allen Nott, last seen in *Don't Touch That Dial*, plays Richard Burbage, one of the foremost actors of his time. Rounding out the cast are Karen Balaska, Marie Howland, Dorrie Mitchell, Dana Ring, and Jodie Akeley, who play various roles as servants, plague guards and townfolk.

Audiences will get a slice of Elizabethan life in this production, as the Players have painstakingly researched the times to recreate a detailed account of the period.

The show will boast original Elizabethan costumes designed by Ms. Secora, and a

realistically crafted stone-walled set to help transport the audience from the extravagance of a castle masqued ball to a seamy lower east side dock.

Lyle Pearsons will be directing this, his 12th production for the Players. "My cast will have the challenge of giving life to what most people have come to know as dried history-book characters," said Pearsons.

"What audiences will see is fiery, earthy and sometimes sensual portrayal of men and women who, in this glorious time of theatre history, struggled to find personal and artistic freedom from puritanical repression."

The play will be presented at Mapleton Hall in Suffield, CT, on February 20th, 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th, March 6th, and 7th. Tickets will be on sale at the end of January.

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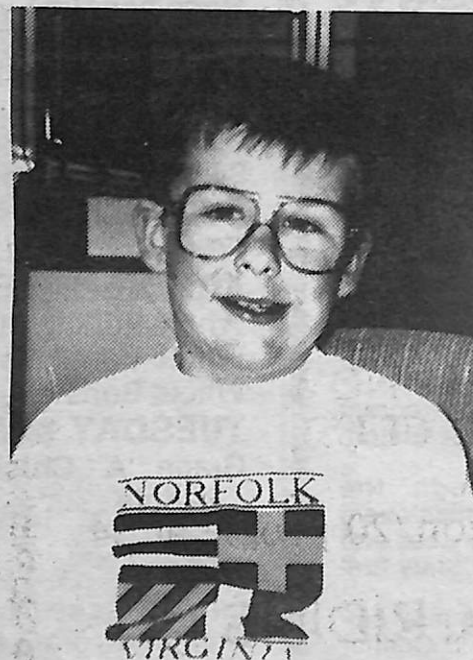
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DRUG PROGRAM AT AHS -

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The fourth category identified were synthetic narcotics (opiates) which included pain killers. She said these acted similar to depressants. The fifth category identified by her were hallucinogens or "mind-altering drugs that don't (directly) affect your body but affect your mind and your senses."

Mrs. Hopper noted, "LSD, PCP, mescaline, and marijuana are considered hallucinogens. Your auditory senses can be affected as well as your visual. You hear things that are not really there; when your tactile sense is affected, you feel things that are not present."

Mrs. Hopper talked in detail about LSD (due to the recent arrest of an AHS student charged with possession of this drug with intent to sell). She said, "Twelves does of LSD can fit on the tip of a sewing needle. And there is no control of the strength you take (because of the way the drug is processed for sale)."

She continued, "With blotter acid, the soaked paper doesn't measure how many doses are on each hit. And LSD trip can only be broken down into three parts: one third is the dose; another third is the feelings around you; the last third is what you see and hear."

"Marijuana is categorized as a hallucinogen because of time, space, what you're doing, and your senses are affected by this drug."

Mrs. Hooper then moved into drug testing and said, "Fifty percent of you are probably going to be drug-tested at some time. The active ingredient in marijuana, THC, can show up in a urine test up to two weeks after smoking it. It can show up in blood tests up to a month later. Also, it does effect memory and sexuality."

She further warned that teens that smoke marijuana and consume alcohol risk the loss of the body's first alarm to overdose. "Marijuana takes away feelings of nausea and they lose what is called the 'gag reflex'. So people by-pass the body's first warning," she said.

"The number one cause of death of young people in alcohol overdoses is choking on their own vomit," she explained. "An overdose does not necessarily mean passing out; the first stage could be a stupor where a person is somewhat responsive."

Mrs. Hopper reminded students that when drinking heavily, the blood alcohol level continues to rise for one hour after the drinking has stopped. "Alcohol is a depressant so it slows breathing. If you then go to sleep (which also decreases the rate of breathing), you can slip from sleep, to unconsciousness, to coma, to death," she remarked.

She gave students several important tips to remember: "When someone is drunk, never leave them alone; tell them you're concerned and will try to wake them every 15 minutes for the first hour (otherwise there may be an aggressive stage where they try to hit you or physically fight back); and finally, if the person is non-responsive, call for help (immediately)."

Mrs. Hopper said she sympathized with teens placed in a situation where a call for help would risk placing themselves in trouble. "But this still beats death," she added.



SCHOOL DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBERS of the Agawam Student Assistance Program (ASAP). Back row - Ann Marie Gould, Jack Dougherty, and Susan Provoda. Seated - Catherine Hallaman and Jane Williams. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Student Assistance Program Helping Teens Cope With Societal Problems

by Irls Copson
School Dept. Editor

Core teams at Agawam High School and Agawam Junior High School for the Student Assistance Program (ASAP) have been providing opportunities for early intervention of major problems since 1988. Administration has provided release time for training and operation of the program to insure longevity of the voluntary commitment of staff.

According to ASAP, the committed staff members have created "more of a dynamic process than a static program. It must be self-correcting, responsive, relevant, and sensitive to the changing needs of students, staff, and community."

This year's AHS core team consists of Cathy Hallaman, R.N., Special Education Instructor Susan Provoda, health teacher John Dougherty, and Guidance Counselors Jane Williams and Ann Marie Gould.

Dougherty told us, "ASAP isn't just for students with the problems of drugs. We can help with depression, home life, or anything that interferes with their work effort in school."

Twenty-two students have been referred at AHS this year. Parents can also make referrals. Usually, ASAP will wait until they receive three or more

referrals on the same person before taking any action, unless it is a special circumstance.

ASAP is confidential and is not punitive. The team works in coordination with three outside agencies: Brookside, Charles River West, and First Step at Providence Hospital in Holyoke. Spafford Hall (another drug/alcohol rehab agency) assists in assessments. The team at AHS meets formally at least once a week to work on issues related to coordinating these cases and to improve and discuss the delivery of services.

The formation of the program is a recognition that many school-based problems originate outside the school environment. But these problems hamper the healthy environment of the entire school community, said Dougherty.

For example, when students are troubled, the affects are felt by teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, and other support staff.

In order to accomplish the primary goal of education of the "whole child," the Agawam Public Schools must address issues which become obstacles to education (even if those issues are mainly social). This is why ASAP is available for students, parents, and staff.

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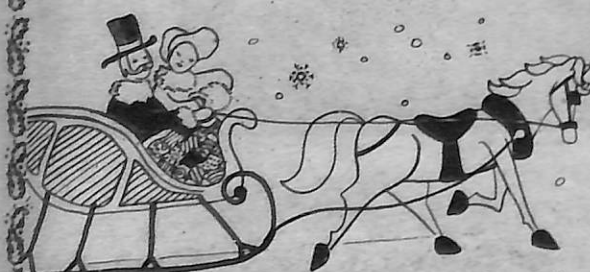
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Ag. VFW Sponsors 'Voice of Democracy' For Local Students

"Students win more than awards and scholarships when they participate in the VFW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM," said Commander Victor Moreno of VFW Post 1632 in discussing the broadcast script-writing program conducted annually by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Some of the fringe benefits are increased self-confidence and poise, experience in communicating with others, and valuable training in self expression.

For the state winners, there is also the broadening experience of a five-day tour of Washington, D.C., and the opportunity to make lasting friendships with the other state winners.

In the 45 years that the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary have been involved with the Voice of Democracy Program, more than 5,000,000 high school students have participated. Participants write and then tape record three- to five-minute broadcast scripts expressing their views on this year's theme, "Meeting America's Challenge."

From among the state winners, national winners are chosen to receive a total of over \$60,000.00 in scholarships.

"One of the greatest benefits to young people who take part in the program is that by thinking, writing, and speaking up for their country, they gain a better appreciation of their obligation to freedom in America," said Moreno.

He would also like to congratulate the winners of the scholarship tape contest. The winners will be notified of the time and place that they will receive their awards: first, **Tiffany Maleshefski**; second, **Amanda Sunny**; third, **Stephen Decoteau**; and fourth, **Rena Chicklas**.

Unfortunately, some tapes were disqualified because they did not meet the minimum or maximum time length.

Commander Moreno would also like to thank the judges for this contest.

Joan Fraczek Spadoni of Westfield, who is a professor of law at Bay Path College, Chairman of the Division of Legal Studies, and also an attorney. Ms. Spadoni has degrees from Bay Path in 1975, Western New England College (B.A.) in 1977, and Western New England School of Law in 1980.

Also, Bob Johnson, sports columnist for *The Agawam Advertiser News*, *Chicopee Herald*, and *The Westfield Evening News*. Bob has been a talk show host for the following radio stations: WHYN, WSPR, WKOX, WVBF, and WARE.

Bob has an Associate of Science degree in business from Massachusetts Bay Community College, and a Bachelor of Science in Media Communication and Speech from Framingham State College.

The third judge would like to remain anonymous.

Also, Commander Moreno would like to thank Dottie Ritchie from the Women's Auxiliary and Roger Brown from the Post for serving as chairpeople and for organization of this event; Karen Andrews for help as timer; and Larry O'Brien from the high school for his help in the coordination between Post and school for this contest.

ASAP PROGRAM - from Page 29...

For students in crisis or at risk, school may be their only opportunity to receive assistance because of the dramatic changes in American society. Many of these changes continue to make it increasingly difficult for students to realize both their academic and personal potential, according to ASAP.

The team accepts referrals on a simple form that is available in front of the nurse's office at AHS. There is also a resource directory for community use.

The team provides information on substance abuse and other topics pertinent to students, teachers, and the community. The team will inform students that in-school assistance is available for substance abuse or other problems.

They also provide for outreach programs on educational topics, including coping skills, suicide, child abuse, grief, addiction (and its affect on families), and other demonstrative lessons.

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THE TWO TOP WINNERS of the Agawam VFW's "Voice of Democracy" contest posed with their proud parents: first-place winner Tiffany Maleshefski (second from left), with her parents Glen and Judy Maleshefski; and second-place Amanda Sunny (second from right), with her folks Karen and Frank Sunny. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE THIRD-PLACE WINNER in the Agawam VFW's "Voice of Democracy" contest was Stephen Decoteau (center). Pictured with him are (from left) Roger Brown and Bob Russell, members of the Agawam VFW; Linda Sousa of the Women's Auxiliary of the VFW; and Victor Moreno, present commander of the Agawam VFW Post. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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New Uniform Drive By AHS Band

Look out your window on January 19th and you might see a parade coming down the street. It might sound strange to see a parade in January, but this is a very special march.

The Agawam High School Band and Colorguard will be asking for the support of the community in their effort to raise \$25,000 for the replacement of band uniforms. Every member of the Band, along with the Band Parents Association, has dedicated their time toward this fundraising effort—indeed the largest such program in the history of the band.

The present uniforms have been worn proudly by hundreds of students over the past seven or eight years. The uniforms have been a source of public pride and recognition not only in our community, but in such places as Montreal, Toronto, Virginia, Maryland, and many other places in which the Band has performed with distinction.

In the most recent parade championship held in the December Christmas Parade in Quincy, MA, the Band and Colorguard garnered three first-place awards and retained their New England Parade Championship crown.

As the Band has traveled throughout the region, it is interesting to note that other high school bands clearly have significantly greater financial resources, equipment abounding and fancy uniforms.

On the other hand, the pride, talent and enthusiasm of our band is not undaunted, as Agawam has emerged as one of the premier bands and colorguards in the northeast.

The present uniforms are distinctive and easily recognizable. They have served the band well, but the time has come to look to the future. Clothes simply wear out.

It would be a shame to see a quality music program diminished by less than adequate dress. It is also unrealistic to expect that there will be sufficient capital in the School Department budget to allow for uniform replacement. Hence, students turn to their community for support.

So, when you see the parade coming to your door on January 19th or thereafter, take time to listen and buy a "note," a musical note that is redeemable by the many band students to follow.

St. John's Students Help "Tiny Tim" Program



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS at St. John's Church on Main Street, Agawam made cards for the "Tiny Tim Program" last month. Cards were given to children spending the holidays in the Shriner's Children's Hospital. Pictured with the basket of cards are Rita Scott teacher; Paul Sutton, TV-40 weatherman and Agawam resident who chairs the program; Mary Pat Clark, CCD, director; and Father Richard F. Meehan, pastor (along with Grade 4 students in Mrs. Scott's class). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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SECOND GRADERS OF ANNA CREAN (back row, left), with the assistance of student teacher Diane Caroleo (back row, right) presented the play "The Christmas Umbrella" last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"The Christmas Umbrella" At Robinson School

At Robinson Park School, Anna Crean's second grade class performed a Christmas play on December 18th, with the assistance of Diane Caroleo, student teacher. The play was titled The Christmas Umbrella.

Scene I of The Christmas Umbrella took place in Santa's workshop. Mrs. Santa (Alyson Noel), Santa (John Mahoney), and Santa's two elves (Maureen Skehan and Ryan Sullivan) discover Santa has sent the wrong Christmas package to a family with nine children (Lauren Cressotti, Vincent Outhuse, Christopher Garvey, Brian Santinello, Kathleen Demetrion, Tony Brignoli, Kyleigh Egan, Michael Ruscio, and Jeffery Belot).

Santa delivered a box of nine umbrellas to this family instead of delivering their toys.

Santa finally decides to send his elves back to

the Umberto home before Christmas morning with the correct packages. He instructs the elves to leave the toys in the sleigh until they see how the family reacts to the umbrellas.

If the Umbertos were happy with the umbrellas, the elves would bring the toys back to Santa.

Scene II takes place in the Umberto family home. Papa Umberto (Christopher Seymour) arrives at home to tell his family (Mama, Danya Decoteau; Grandma, Jessica Roy) there is a Christmas tree shortage and everyone in town will be very disappointed.

They then discover a box from Santa containing nine umbrellas. Mama decides to use one for their Christmas tree. The two oldest children, Mama, Grandma, and Papa decorate the umbrella beautifully.

When the Umbertos' neighbors (Joshua Martel, Jennifer Orenstein, Elizabeth Perry, Amanda Fox, William Kunasek, Gerry Champigny, Geoffrey Cartello, Heather Kerr, Chelsea Breton, and Danielle LaValle) come calling to see about the Christmas trees, they notice the beautifully decorated umbrella.

Papa Umberto sends them off with an umbrella for each to decorate. They were so thankful that they all donated toys they had at home for the nine Umberto children.

On Christmas morning, the children were delighted with their gifts. The two invisible elves that Santa sent went back to Santa's Land with the toys.

Our Christmas play was narrated by Michael Noes.

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AHS Cheerleaders In London, England

Christie Leigh Scheve, a senior at Agawam High School and one of this year's cheerleading captains, spent her Christmas vacation in London, England.

She was selected as a Universal Cheerleaders Association All-Star Cheerleader in New York State this past summer. She represented the United States and Massachusetts with cheerleaders chosen from all over the country, and performed in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's New Year's Parade.

Christie would like to thank the following for their support in helping to make this trip possible for her: the Rotary Club of Agawam, the Agawam Police Association, the Agawam Junior Women's Club, the Agawam Lions Club, the Agawam Lioness Club, Bancroft Bridals, Mr. and Mrs. George Fogg, and her grandfather, Mr. Gerald R. Bailey of Orange City, Florida.

AHS Band Parents Set Jan. 11 Bottle Drive

The Agawam Band Parents Association is planning a bottle and can drive on Saturday, January 11, 1992, at Dave's Soda & Pet Food City, 11 Ramah Circle, Agawam, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Please bring in any and all redeemable bottles and cans; or, if you prefer, call 786-1782 for an at-home pick up.









The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards our numerous expenditures for the year, such as scholarships, new uniforms, and transportation.

Our deadline is on Tuesday at noon-time. Our office opens weekdays at 6:30 a.m. We close on Friday at 3:00.



IN TOP PHOTO, Agawam High Concert Band members Anne Mineo, Sean Rose, Jessica Liptak, Amy Annino, and Ray Drewnowski perform on the school's stage during the Annual Christmas Concert last month. IN PHOTO BELOW, faculty member Steve Files leads members of the AHS Combined Chorus in songs of the season. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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MOCA Announces Various Grants Given To Town Schools

The Mayor's Office of Community Affairs (MOCA) Grant Review Board met on November 13th to review proposals submitted by teachers and administrators. For further insight on PTO fundraising, the Review Board met with Kathy Kida, president of the Robinson Park School PTO, before deliberations on the proposals began.

The Review Board consisted of Jacquelyn Guile, a Robinson PTO member and MOCA member; School Committee member Linda Galarneau; Mayor Johnson; and a committee of MOCA members—Cindy Sanford, Nancy Mullaly, and Anna Pilierno.

The meeting was conducted in part by Cindy Sanford, Director of MOCA, who first approached the Mayor with the Grant Program Idea in early February, and Nancy Mullaly, Chairwoman of the Grant Review Board.

The Program was designed to provide a fair and equitable solution for disbursing the funds to the seven Agawam schools. The proposals submitted from six of the seven schools totalled \$7,386. MOCA funds available for this funding cycle totalled \$2,800.

The selection criteria to fund recipients depended greatly on the thoroughness of the proposal submitted. All costs had to appear on the proposal (including types and makes of equipment) before MOCA would consider awarding a grant. The deadline date for this granting cycle was October 15th, 1991.

The awards were given to:

C.M. Granger, Kindergarten - Paddington Bear Project - \$300.

Agawam Middle School, Grades 5 & 6 - Multi-media Reference Enhancement - \$1,000.

C.M. Granger, Kindergarten-Grade 4 - Two hands-on Science Kits - \$300.

James Clark, Kindergarten-Grade 4 - Equipment for Remedial Reading Classes - \$200.

Benjamin J. Phelps, Grade 3 - Computer literacy in math/reading skills - \$1,000.

Recipients of the grants were notified in December.

The funds raised for this granting cycle were made possible by local businesses who purchased ads for the Golf Ad book which was distributed during the Mayor's Golf Tournament. The Golf Tournament was held at Crestview Country Club in October of 1991.

Again, MOCA and the Agawam School System would like to thank the local businesses for their generosity during these trying times. Without your support this would not have been possible.

AHS Band Parents Continue Plans For Feb. Band-A-Thon

On February 7th, 1992, a very special event will take place in Agawam. On this date at 7:00 p.m., and continuing for 15 consecutive hours, students and parents affiliated with the Agawam High School Instrumental music will stage a Band-a-Thon at Agawam High School.

The purpose of this entertainment extravaganza will be to raise the necessary funding for the purchase of new uniforms for the Agawam High School Marching Band and Colorguard.

As we look to the future, there is clearly a need for this kind of fundraising. With the economic climate of most school systems throughout the state, it is likely that the level of funding for capital expenses will dwindle further than ever.

Our goal is \$25,000. Clearly, without the support of the community, we will not be able to successfully complete the fundraising program.

Beginning January 5th, members of the band and colorguard will be going door to door throughout the town and asking for your pledge to the future. Help to STRIKE UP THE BAND in Agawam and maintain the tradition of excellence.

Remember the dates: February 7th and 8th, the Agawam High School Band and Dance-a-Thon, 15 consecutive hours of music, drills and dancing.

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Christmas Program At Phelps School



ON DECEMBER 19th students at Phelps School presented a Christmas program for fellow students, faculty members, family, and friends. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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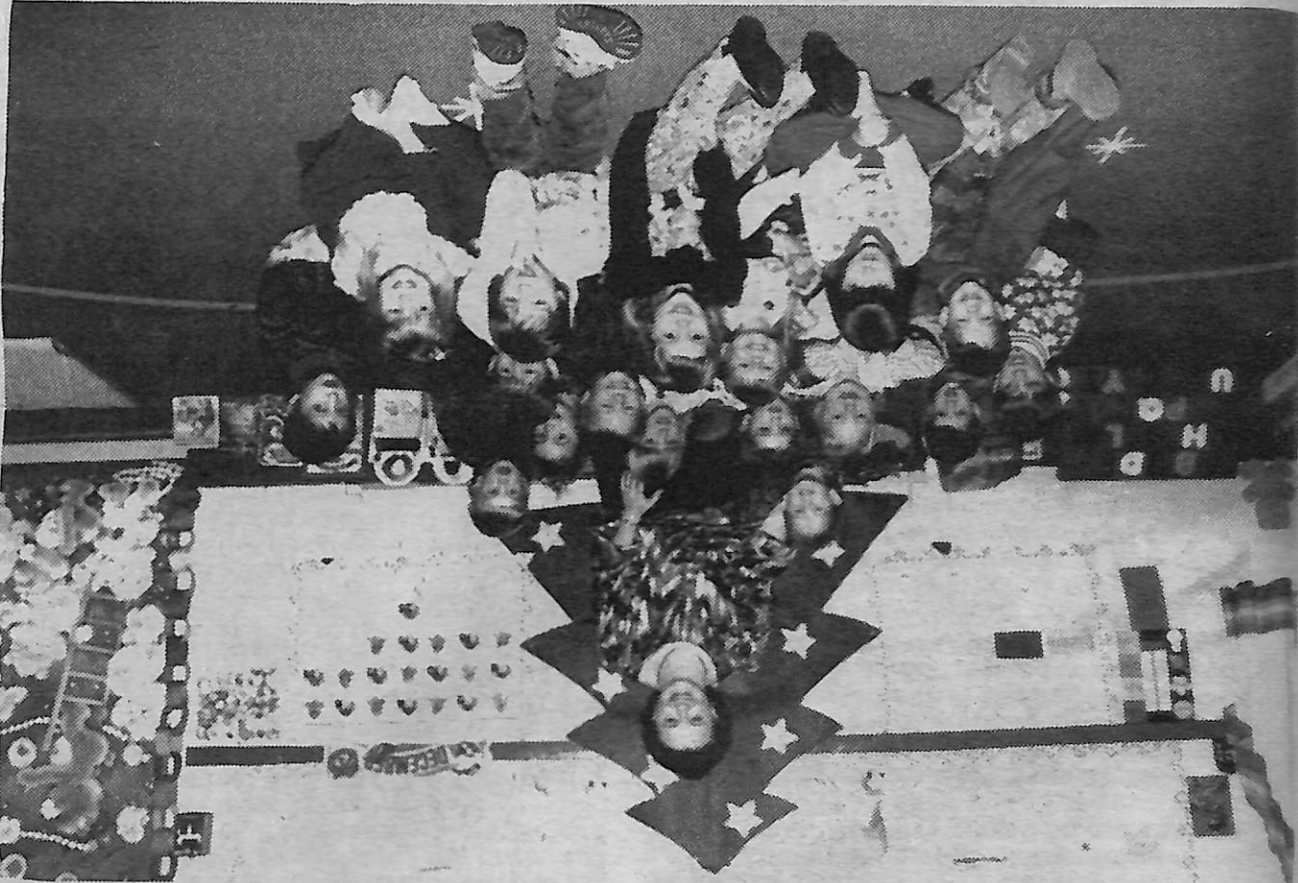
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Mayor Honors AHS Model Congress



LAST MONTH MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON recognized December 12th to 15th as "Liberty Weekend" and congratulated Agawam High Model Congress members for participating in the event. Faculty advisor to the school's Model Congress is John Ferranti. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Christmas At Perry Lane Park Nursery



MARY ANN PAGE, director of the town's Perry Lane Park Nursery School, is pictured with one of her pre-school groups during a Christmas program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Wednesday, January 15th: Spaghetti
with meat sauce, Italian bread and butter, niblet corn, strawberry jello with topping or fruit cup, milk.

Thursday, January 16th: Steamed
brankfort in roll, oven baked beans, diced carrots, applesauce, chocolate brownie, milk.

Friday, January 17th: 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, 1/2 fluffernutter sandwich, oven potato puffs, sweet potato spice cake with vanilla icing, milk.

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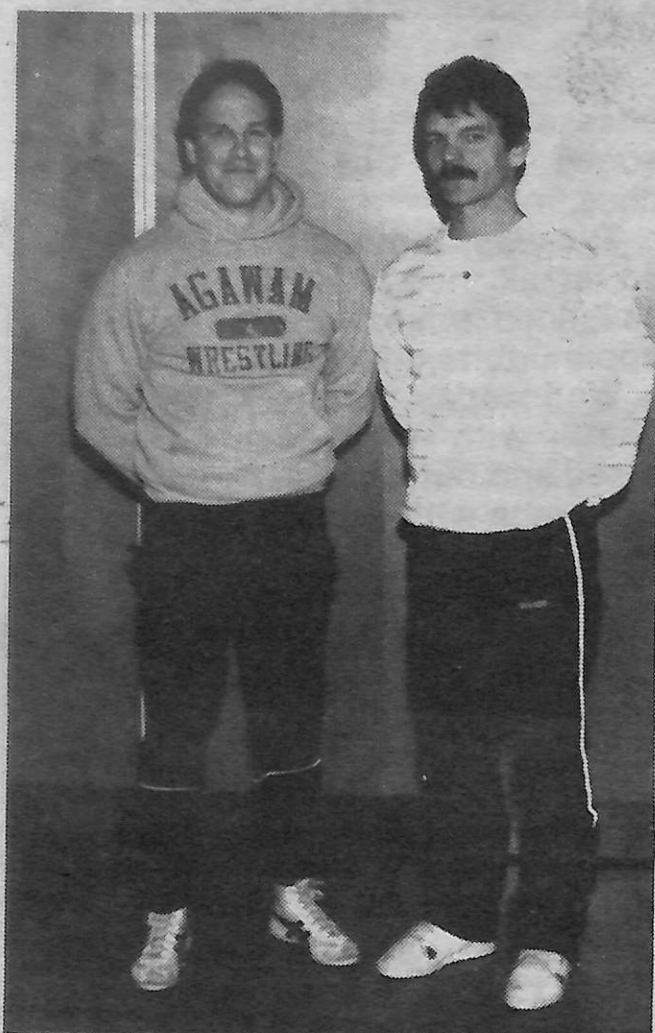
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Sports



ASSISTANT AHS WRESTLING COACH Gary Geiger (left) has teamed with Phil Tomkiel to build one of the best schoolboy wrestling programs in the state.

Geiger Saying So Long As Assistant Coach To AHS Wrestling

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

"He's been around the program since he was in the seventh grade, and I can't believe it's been that long. I'm really going to miss him." - Coach Phil Tomkiel, head wrestling coach, Agawam High School.

"I wouldn't be half as far as I am in my development if it weren't for him. I know I'll miss him a lot. He's my partner." - Nick Langone, 1991 171-pound runner-up at state High School Wrestling Finals.

"He's a super kid. He'll be sorely missed, believe you me." - Clifford Kibbe, retired Agawam High athletic director.

"I'll always remember him as a tough guy who set such a good example for me. He did the hard work right along with us every day, and we respected him for that." - Stuart McGregor, Agawam's current 160-pound wrestler.

I could have gotten many more testimonials about departing Agawam High assistant wrestling coach Gary Geiger, but there was no time. Deadline, you see.

But, no matter how many people you approach, they all have nothing but high praise for the 10-year coach at the high school.

Rewarded in part for some of his efforts in the dynasty that is Agawam High wrestling, Geiger was named state assistant "Coach of the Year" last season at the State Tournament held at Springfield Central High School.

Not a big man in stature, Geiger makes up for it with hustle, determination, and the biggest ingredient—pride in himself.

He'll be leaving the coaching ranks, at least for wrestling, following the Ludlow tournament. The bottom line is no secret: coaching high school sports does not pay enough money to feed a family.

Simply put, Gary Geiger is leaving to pave a better road for his family.

"It's sad, too," says Kibbe. *"He belongs with kids. He has a fantastic rapport with them, and they ALL respect him. He really is my personal favorite of all the kids that have come along."*

"I had Gary with me yesterday. I took him ice fishing and taught him everything I know. We have always talked a lot, and he really wants to help the kids."

Tomkiel is taking it just as hard, although he understands why Geiger is leaving. *"You have to understand that Gary was one of my student helpers when he was in seventh grade. Our relationship has grown and grown over the years."*

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Brownie Wrestlers Continue Domination Of Western Mass.

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Maybe one of these days Agawam High can win the "Sportsmanship Award" at one of these wrestling tournaments. The Brownies win everything else.

The Brownies' wallop could be felt throughout the state last Saturday, January 4th. The five-time defending Western Mass. Division I champs easily blazed to another tournament triumph with three easy dual meet wins on the day.

The Brownies will compete in the ultra-tough Commonwealth Cup this weekend in the City of Lowell. Eight of the state's top teams will compete for bragging rights prior to the big state tournament next month.

Back in Western Mass., the First Annual Ludlow High New Year's Wrestling Invitational was a success at the gate, at the concession stands, and on the mats. The Brownies came in and showed everybody who was boss.

If you don't believe it, let's go to the statistics on the day. The Brownies had 39 total matches and it broke down like this: AHS earned 20 pins, three technical falls (a win by 15 or more points), six forfeits, five wins by decision, one draw, and four losses. Two of those losses were by one point and one of the kids got pinned.

A recap shows that AHS was 34-4-1 on the day in individual matches.

That translated into a 71-0 crushing of Frontier Regional High in the opening round; a 70-2 crumpling of Gardner High in round two; and a 47-15 spanking of Pittsfield High in the championship round.

AHS Coach Phil Tomkiel, who earned "Coach of the Tournament" honors, wrestled his junior varsity team almost exclusively in the match with Frontier and still came away with the shutout win!

Matt Papadakis and Mark DaSilva came away with convincing pins amongst the junior varsity contributions, and Jeremy Jacobsen impressed with a fine effort in a 10-7 win. Chad Boucher and Bill Cavanaugh were disappointed as they had to accept walkovers. Frontier was undermanned and overmatched and had to forfeit their matches in those weight classes.

Other winners in the 71-0 rout included Kevin Willard (pin in 1:48), Pat Brown (technical fall, 16-0), Shawn Rising (pin, 26 seconds), Mike Bryant (pin, 51 seconds), and Nick Langone (7-2 victory). Vinnie Petrangelo, Dave McKay, and Mike DaSilva all got their hands raised through forfeits.

Tomkiel heard through the tournament grapevine that "Gardner High had 12 solid kids," so he decided to "hit 'em with the varsity." And that he did. AHS crushed the mid-staters with a rousing display of pin-happy underclassmen.

Langone led the way with a 22 second quick-stick. He had a lot of company. Mike DaSilva subdued his opponent in just 29 seconds. Mike

Cooper did the same. Rising walloped his opposition in just 1:06. George Ghareeb applied his killer craft in 1:22 as he continues his early-season rampage. Mike Bryant wiggled and worked to a 2:20 stick. Pat Brown completed his assignment in just 2:24 and Nathan Wood was done working with a convincing pin in 3:08.

Vinnie Petrangelo bashed his way to a 16-0 technical fall and Matt Bryant (first varsity match) thrilled the crowd with a 12-9, come-from-behind victory. McKay accepted his second straight forfeit on the day.

The only blemish vs. Gardner was Domenic Candido's 8-8 draw. Tomkiel and the coaching staff felt the young freshman had a win taken away from him as he was whistled for a locked hands violation with just seconds to go in a very exciting match.

Pittsfield fielded a spirited, emotional, and talented team (six hours later) in the finals. (Yes, that's why 40-plus wrestlers were sitting in Tomkiel's living room watching football in mid-afternoon!)

The Generals returned nine starters from last year's squad but they proved no match at all for AHS.

The night's best match actually went to Jim D'Aniello of Pittsfield. He decisioned Stu McGregor, 8-7, in a draining confrontation. D'Aniello wiggled out of McGregor's cradle with 10 seconds to go and earned a reversal at the buzzer for the win.

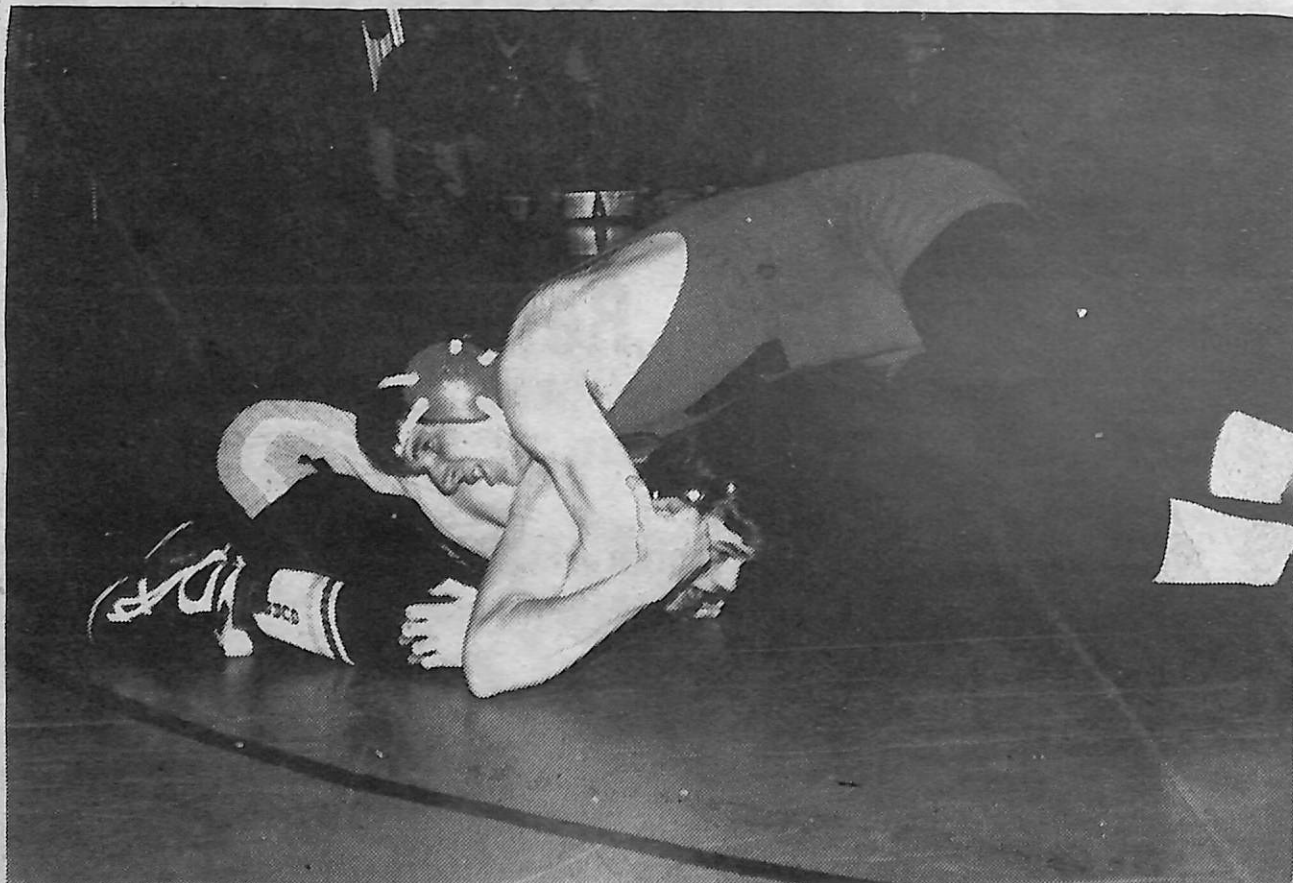
Mild controversy ensued because McGregor didn't get any "near fall" points for the cradle and the coaching staff wasn't so sure that D'Aniello had gained control on the reversal. Still, it was the day's most entertaining match and McGregor seems to almost always be involved in these type of matches (and he comes through time after time).

Mike Cooper won, 8-4 over Scott Uhl in a very intense match. Cooper rebounded from an early deficit to nearly stick his talented foe near the end.

Brown (2:23), Rising (2:33), Wood (47 seconds), Bryant (1:57), Langone (59 seconds), and Ghareeb (38 seconds) all showed no mercy with early pins in their matches. Mike DaSilva had a 15-0 technical fall and Kevin Willard fought his way to a tough, tough 12-7 win in his 112-pound match.

Dave McKay almost got a takedown at the buzzer. He didn't so it cost him in a 5-4 loss. Boucher fought hard in a 9-4 loss at 103 pounds and Petrangelo suffered the day's only pin late in the third period in his 145-pound match.

It all added up to a 47-15 pummeling and another trophy in an already-jammed trophy case at AHS.



STUART MCGREGOR of Agawam High stays on top of his game vs. an opponent at the school's Annual Wrestling Tournament on December 28th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Even Without Best Central Cagers Still Powerhouse

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

They told us that Travis was gone and in fact he was.

I looked all over the gymnasium and Mr. Best was nowhere to be found. But the rest of the cast and crew were on hand and the Central High Golden Eagles, the defending Western Mass. and State Division I champs, seemed no worse for wear.

The city school dominated and intimidated the Agawam High Brownies in Springfield on Tuesday night. They walloped the visitors, 96-54 before the usual throng of faithful Golden Eagle fans.

The loss was also the third straight for the Brownies, who had opened the 1991-92 campaign with three straight wins in December.

The Brownies turned it over on their first three trips up the floor and then got blocked three times on their next possession. The Eagles took a 7-0 lead behind the sensational stuff provided by Fred Smith, Edgar Padilla, and Desi Jackson. Jim Price might be this year's most unheralded Eagle as he blocked many AHS shots on the defensive end.

Dave Desimone played an inspired game for AHS. He logged many minutes and battled hard inside for the locals. Brendon Gallagher was no factor early. But the big center woke up midway in the first half and played an excellent ballgame from that point on. He ended the night with 24 points and several blocks.

Central banged its way to a 56-25 halftime lead largely on the strength of a suffocating press in the backcourt. Led by Jason Blackburn, the Brownies repeatedly broke the press only to have their shots sent back at them at the other end.

Central's press worked more than a couple times and resulted in steals and easy layups. But the main thing that it accomplished was to allow Jackson and Price to get back to defend the hoop and they were always there and at the ready.

The young and talented Brownies learned many lessons on the night, most notably that they cannot throw long bounce passes against that kind of quick defensive pressure (and how effective a head fake can be). A properly thrown head fake can launch Desi Jackson out of any building in the country.

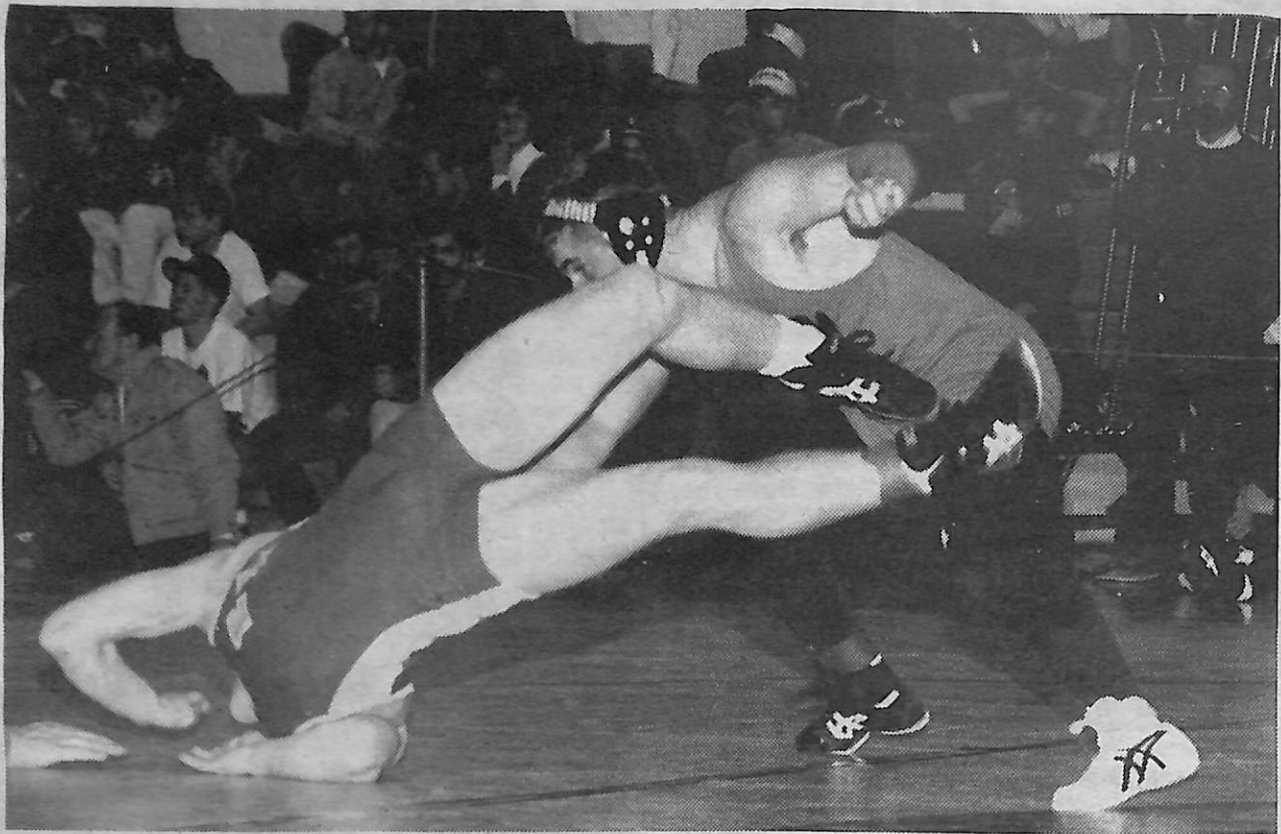
The Golden Eagles were denied their usual luxuries as the second five couldn't take the score over the century mark. And you can mark down several hardworking Agawam kids who helped keep the score below one hundred.

A.J. Christopher played excellent basketball for the five minutes that he was able to work on the court. Also playing scrappy ball were Keith Hargis, Mike Knodler, and Greg Pudlo.

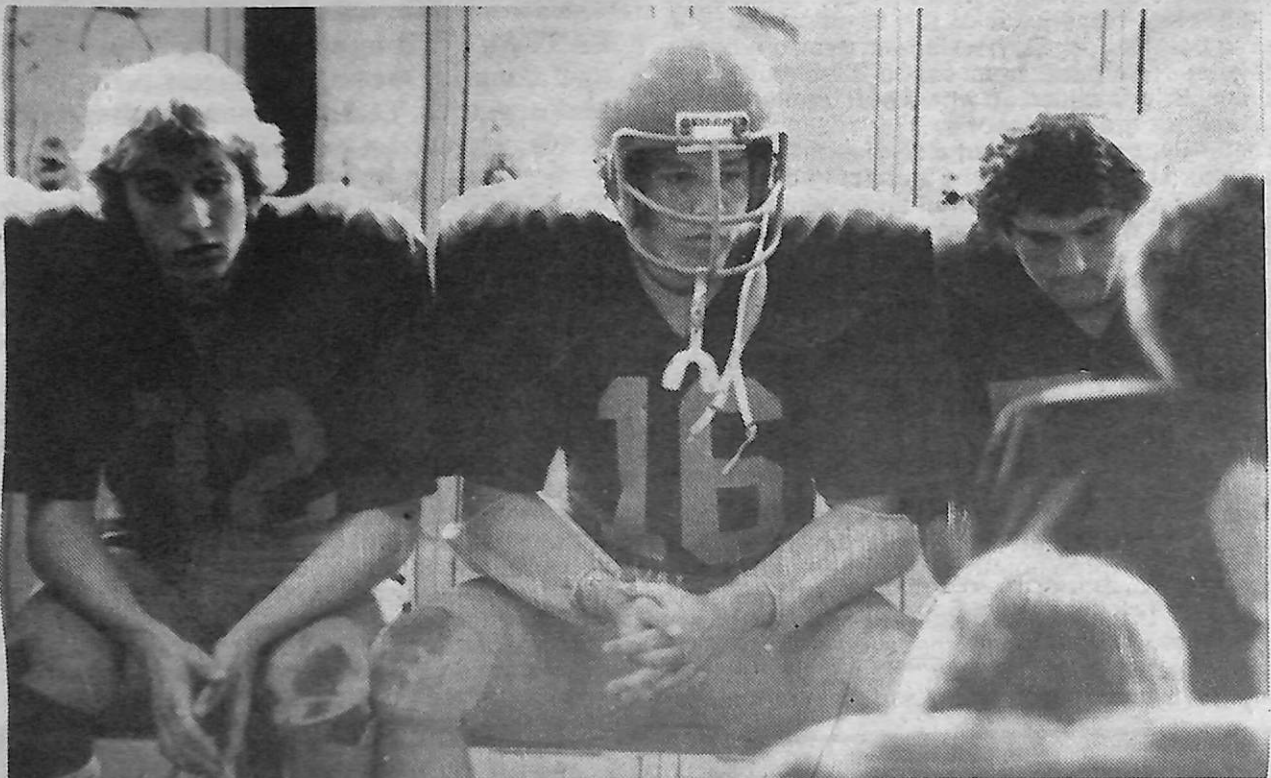
Early in the second half, AHS spurted with an 11-4 run against Central's starting five and that had to be the lone bright spot on the scoreboard for the locals on the evening.

The Brownies will continue their invasion of Springfield on Friday night, January 10th, as they travel to Putnam to try and grab themselves a Beaver pelt.

The next home game for the Brownies (a schedule change) is against Amherst on Wednesday night, January 15th, at 7:30 p.m.



BROWNIE WRESTLER Dave McKay puts a big hurt on an opponent during the Annual Agawam Christmas Wrestling Tournament. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



OUTGOING AGAWAM HIGH ASSISTANT wrestling Coach Gary Geiger (center) is pictured during his playing days for the AHS football Brownies. At Geiger's left is Dino Isotti and at right is Tom Napolitan.

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To hear Tomkiel speak, it's almost as if they had grown into clones: "We think so much alike. Gary will stop a kid and talk to him about a match, and I would have just told the kid the same thing. We see the same things, we scream about the same things. I love to compete with that guy on the mat next to me."

Tomkiel had plenty to say about Geiger and he moved into more philosophical circles. "We are going to miss the intangibles about Gary. Practice hasn't changed in 18 years. Wrestling is hard work, and we do all the same drills now that we did then."

"Gary has come along and inserted his hard work along with a sense of humor and spirit, and he makes a very hard practice tolerable."

"I remember wrestling with the kids for years before my knees gave out a little. I often wondered if it actually made the kids better. Gary wrestles with them every day and I can see improvement

on the part of the wrestlers. He really has made a tremendous impact on our program."

The team did not suffer in the quality of their coaching when replacement Tom Cascio took to the mats with them officially on January 6th. Cascio is a former state champion for Agawam in the sport and is no stranger to the wrestling room; he has been at practice liberally over the past three seasons and knows the kids well.

Agawam has won six consecutive Western Mass championships in the sport, and they have a state title under their belt. They have also challenged for the state title until the final match in each of the last two seasons. This season, they might be the favorite to win it all again.

Geiger is going out on top, but as Kibbe says, "He's got to do what he has to do. I hope that Agawam High School doesn't lose him for good. I hope he's back for football, and I hope he's back in wrestling real soon."

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Big Second Half Sends Purple Knights Past AHS Hoop

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Holyoke's senior center Matt Gubala scorched the Brownies in the second half with a host of buckets in the lane as the Purple Knights completed a dazzling comeback to pin a 54-48 loss on Agawam High at the Clifford P. Kibbe Gymnasium last Friday night.

The Brownies, off to a 3-0 start, seemed to be on course for a fine independent slate. Now, they have dropped consecutive games to Chicopee and Holyoke (both at Agawam), and now they faced the largest obstacle in Western Mass (Central High) on Tuesday, January 7th (see related story).

Coach Mike Martin's troop had it going early as they stormed to leads of 18-2 and 21-6, but even then the trouble spots were showing through. The Purple Knights repeatedly fought through the Agawam 2-3 defense and banged the offensive backboards.

In the end, that would spell Agawam's demise in the game.

Cele Papon scored Holyoke's first deuce of the ballgame at the 10:40 mark of the first half, but by then he was only able to slice the lead to 11-2.

Brendon Gallagher, Agawam's 6'8" man in the middle, had roared out of the opening tap with seven points. Joey Gaylor had converted a bunny off a no-look pass from Jason Blackburn, and Tommy Briggs pulled up with a soft banker off the window for the 11-0 lead.

After Papon's tap to put Holyoke on the board, Blackburn cruised down the lane for two and Mike Knodler broke away for another Brownie bucket. Gaylor kept it going, and brought the big crowd to its feet, with a conventional three-point play capping the run at 18-2.

Moments later, Blackburn answered a couple of Holyoke hoops with a left wing three-pointer, and the talk in the building was of an Agawam rout.

Chris Sears began the Holyoke rebuttal with a three-pointer of his own, and the Purple Knights began to capitalize on their honest effort underneath the backboards.

Jose Ortiz stole a pass and broke away to trim the deficit to 27-22 before Knodler and Gallagher combined on three points to close the half with a 30-22 Brownie lead.

Martin brought in inspirational freshman Nathan Wooley to open the second period in hopes that he could slow down the Purple Knights' trigger man, point guard Ramon Cosme.

AHS Varsity Cheerleaders Lookin' Good



LAST MONTH members of the Agawam High varsity cheerleading squad attended the banquet honoring the school's soccer program at Shaker Farms Country Club. From left - Katie McFitzpatrick, Leslie Gorman, Andrea Michael, Christie Scheve, Kim Duga, and Jillian Ofcarcik. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Wooley matched him step for step and even picked up a steal in his few minutes on the hardwood.

But, Holyoke had lost nothing at intermission and came right back out there fired up. It didn't hurt that Sears tickled the twine immediately from three-point range, and Martin picked up a technical on Holyoke's next possession. Those two free throws brought Holyoke within just three points.

Blackburn dazzled the fans with a behind the back slashing drive to the paint to increase the lead to five. It was 32-27 when Gubala's interior buzzer went off. He dominated the rest of the ballgame after scoring just two points (on free throws) before intermission.

Ortiz zipped a right corner three at 12:24 to play, and Gubala tied it with an inside deuce. Ortiz converted a Cosme steal and then Holyoke's Miranda was Johnny-on-the-spot with a bucket inside.

Blackburn momentarily stopped the run with a

leaner in the paint, but the Purple Knights went right back to the boards. Gubala worked his way free for three more hoops sandwiched around Sears' final three-pointer of the night, and Holyoke had grabbed an 11-point lead at 45-34. That completed the killer 39-13 blitz that broke the Brownies' back.

Keith Hargis punched home a couple inside, and Gaylor hit a free throw to trim it to eight points, but Gubala had all the answers in the second half as he made one more big one down low to bring the lead back to 10.

Agawam showed a tremendous amount of pride and spirit at that point as Wooley re-entered the contest. Gaylor powered in from the baseline, and Wooley made a steal and converted his free throws to slice the deficit to six.

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School Records Fall For Girls' Swimmers; Off To 2-1 Start

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' swim team has been doing quite well so far this season.

On December 17th, the locals defeated Central High, 96-90, breaking four school records in the process. Rachel White broke a diving record with a score of 186.80 and Heather Pliksa broke a seven year-old record in the 100-yard breast stroke (1:13.56).

Also Erica Vanderhoof, Pliksa, Lexa Page, and Jessica Crowley made a great quartet by winning both the 200 yard free style (1:55) and the medley relay (2:06), both at a school record-setting pace.

On December 20th the girls won over Northampton, 104-82. Jessie Crowley won two events, the 100 yard butterfly and the 100 breast stroke. Lexa Page won the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events. Erica Vanderhoof won the 200 yard freestyle and the 100 backstroke. The fourth swimmer to win two events was Heather Pliksa. She captured the 200 yard individual medley and the 500 yard freestyle.

The girls finally lost on Tuesday, January 7th to East Longmeadow, 53-40. Amy Hume, Heather Pliksa, Lexa Page, and Erica Vanderhoof again broke the school record in the freestyle relay with a clocking of 1:53.37. This was an exciting race.

Vanderhoof also won two events, including the 100 freestyle (58.56), which is close to another school record. Rachel White won the diving event with a score of 185.35.

The Brownie boys' swim team, under the direction of longtime coach Dave Smith, lost to East Longmeadow on Tuesday by a 64-29 count.

The locals did, however, win first place in three events. Aaron Orsucci won the 200 yard freestyle in 2:00.85; Steve Lewis won the 100 yard butterfly in 1:06.58; and the 400 yard freestyle relay team of John Champigny, Jeremy Spring, Gary Jock, and Aaron Orsucci won with a time of 4:05.76.

Alan Niemiec gave a good performance in the 200 yard individual medley by placing second (2:25.86). The 200 yard freestyle relay team placed second (Lewis, Niemiec, Jock, and Orsucci - 1:45.44).

The locals will square-off vs. South Hadley at the Agawam Junior High Pool on Friday, January 10th.

Olympia Rink Gives Western Mass. Hockey Brand New Life

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Western Mass. schoolboy hockey may have just turned a corner. A very large corner. Something that seemed bad on the surface (originally) may have actually been a blessing in disguise.

The Eastern States Coliseum in West Side closed its icemaking operations at the conclusion's of last year's hockey season forcing athletic directors and administrators of area high schools to scramble to find a new place to play schoolboy games.

A host of high schools (including Agawam High) settled on the Olympia facility in West Side and it may turn out to be the best thing that could have happened to the sport.

The Eastern States Coliseum was an outstanding arena with the capacity to hold over 5,200 spectators. They had a first class operation. But there simply was not enough demand amongst area hockey fans to create the proper ambience for a hockey game.

No matter how exciting a game might have been at the Coliseum, it never seemed like the crowd was into the game. A lone, heckling spectator could be heard throughout the building as he hollered at the referees throughout the hockey game.

That is no longer the case. Olympia features a smaller seating capacity and puts the spectators right on the top of the ice surface. The schoolboy game between AHS and East Longmeadow last Thursday night (story in this issue) drew a capacity crowd and the players responded with a beautiful, competitive game.

Olympia offers clean rest rooms and decent food at the concession stands. It also has a quality ice surface. The management and staff were courteous to the patrons and everyone seemed to have a good time.

The late games still were a bit off schedule, but from now on, it is imperative that you show up on time for the hockey game because you may not get a seat if you don't.

Olympia is located just off Route 5 in West Springfield (on Ashley Avenue), which is just about a half mile beyond the Riverdale Shops.

AHS Girls' Hoop Crush Westfield For 7th Straight Win

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

These are the games that nobody really enjoys. A very talented team takes the court and tries not to look bad and a bad team takes to the hardwood and tries not to look worse.

Coach Lou Conte took it mighty easy on a quintet from Westfield High as the Brownie girls cruised to 7-0 on the season with a 52-13 dismantling at Clifford B. Kibbe Gymnasium on Tuesday night in schoolgirl hoop.

The front court corps of Kim Trudel and Cyndi Stone moved easily through the Bomber zone in the first half as the Brownies zoomed to a 30-9 halftime lead. Trudel was in double figures with 11 and Stone had 10 at the break.

Krisin Schmaelzle, a freshman forward, took care of most of the second half scoring. She finished up with 13 points on the contest. High scorer for AHS was Trudel with 15 and Stone ended her night's work with 14.

The Brownies downed West Springfield for the second time this season, 62-55 in one of the most competitive games of the season. After blowing the Terriers off the AHS floor in the opening game of the season in December, the Brownies had to fight hard to subdue West Side last Friday night in West Side.

The road isn't very bumpy for Agawam for a while, either. The Brownies certainly will go to 9-0 as they have upcoming contests vs. Holyoke and Chicopee Comp.

Their next true test will come at the Kibbe Gym on Friday night, January 17th, when the Cathedral Panthers come town. AHS held on at the end for a 47-43 win over the Panthers last week.

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Tommy Briggs made a nice move in the lane and got Cosme fouled out of the ballgame, giving Agawam their final chance. Briggs missed the charity toss, but Hargis came through with a big three-pointer from the corner and suddenly, the Brownies were down just 51-48.

A parade to the foul line ensued, but it was the Purple Knights who were toeing the stripe, and Agawam never scored again as they dropped the ballgame 54-48.

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AHS Hockey Continues To Rebuild After Thrilling 4-4 Deadlock Vs. East Long.

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Spartans of East Longmeadow High and the Agawam High Brownies skated to a dramatic 4-4 tie in high school hockey action last Thursday night at the Olympia in West Springfield.

Brownie Ben Benton took center stage as the little senior winger stuck his nose in there all night en route to three goals and a big game-tying assist.

In a battle of early season unbeaten, Agawam drew first blood on Benton's forehand with 11:04 to go in the first period. He took a feed from Dave Zielinski while dashing across the slot from left to right, and banged home the puck into the far corner along the ice.

Mike LaValley knotted the score at 1-1 as he danced around a check at the blue line on left wing and scorched a wrister past Agawam goalkeeper Jason Rocca to the stick side.

The Brownies were in trouble for much of the rest of the night. One area that they did not hurt themselves was by staying out of the penalty box. They were not penalized until Benton took a seat for roughing with five minutes to go in the game.

Meanwhile, the Spartans played shorthanded four times in the first two periods, but Agawam was unable to muster even one shot on goal.

The Spartans claimed their first lead with 12:29 to play in the second period when J.P. Callahan took advantage of two poor clearing passes by the Brownies to stuff one home from just outside the crease.

The Spartans put it in high gear from there and had several dangerous scoring opportunities as they looked to put it away. Instead, Benton went to work again.

He streaked across the rink and found some open ice near the left faceoff circle. Alertly, defensemen Kevin Christanthopoulos spotted

him and put the puck right on Benton's stick. He pulled the trigger and whacked one right through the five hole to tie the game at 2-2 with 7:19 to play in the second.

It would be the third period before any further scoring was done. Dan Reid would score consecutive goals for the Spartans. The first of those gave East Longmeadow the lead with 12:33 to play on a feed from Callahan.

Reid's second tally seemed to be the backbreaker as he pumped it home with just 3:18 to play, giving his mates a 4-2 lead. Less than a minute later, Agawam was back in it. Jeff Perrault worked himself free near the right corner boards.

He spun and put a shot right on the corner of the post. The original stop was made, yet Benton fought through the trees to get a stick on it to pull his team within 4-3. That completed Benton's hat trick, but he would save his best for last.

With less than a minute to play, there was a faceoff in the Spartan zone just inside the blue line. Benton escaped with the puck and dashed over to the left side of the ice.

A defenseman (who never had a chance) tried to keep up, but he fell over backwards. Benton blazed by and drew the attention of the backchecking forward and the off-sides defenseman.

Once that happened, Benton did a very smart thing—and so did Bob Peloquin. Benton looked to pass and Peloquin headed for the net. The pass was perfect, and Peloquin accepted it cleanly and swept it home to tie the game.

Benton was penalized 12 seconds later, making Agawam shorthanded, but the Spartans had a guy head for the box 10 seconds after that and the curtain came down shortly thereafter.

A very entertaining match as the two teams played each other nose to nose all night.

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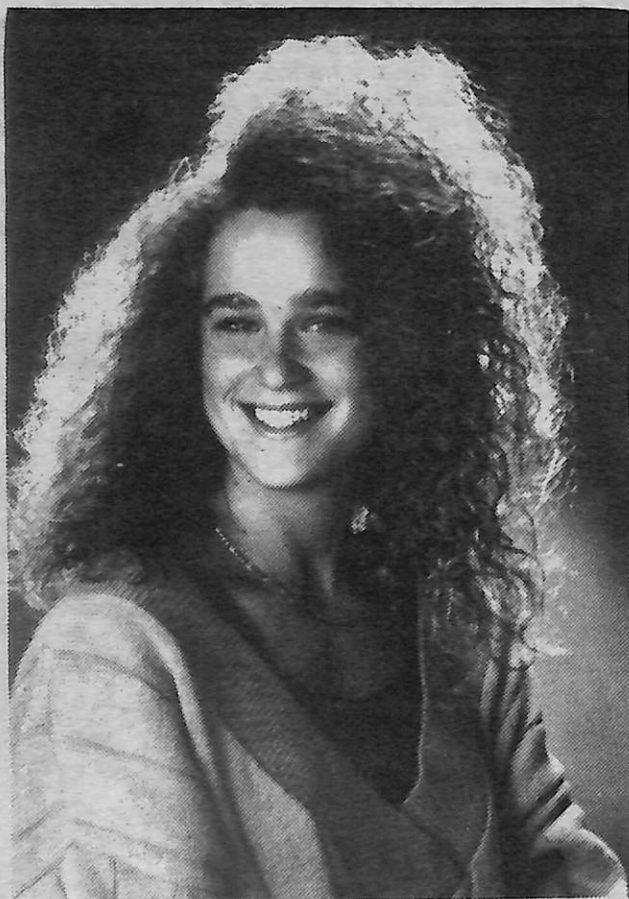
Agawam High senior Tracie DiMascola was recently named First Team All Western Mass. in Division I girls' soccer.

Tracie played soccer for the Brownies beginning in ninth grade as a right wing and played there for the next three years. She was moved to sweeper by Coach Bill O'Brien for the 1991 season and helped the Brownies reach the Division I semifinals.

Tracie scored two goals and had two assists during this past season.

She is the daughter of Peter & Donna DiMascola of Feeding Hills.

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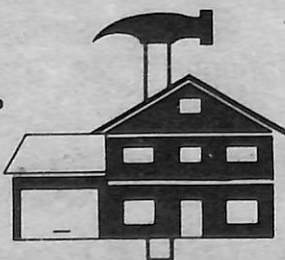
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St. Mary's On Target For Tri-Parish Title

With the New Year here, the Monday night Tri-Parish bowling league rang-out 1991 in week six of Round Two with St. Mary's still leading the pack with 20½ wins. St. Anselm seems to be the only team capable of giving St. Mary's some competition in this round, checking in with 15½ wins (second place).

In week six at the Agawam Bowl, St. Mary's feasted on 9th place Notre Dame (10 wins), three wins to one. St. Mary's winners were leadoff AUDREY PHILLIPS (283), BOB COELLN (273), and substitute captain FRANK "The Tank" MOCCIO, who took great pleasure in teaching his younger brother, STEVE, a thing or two, 353-335. Steve, of course, leads the league in rolling at 107.33. "The Tank," a top roller in the league over the past several years, sports an average of 110.6 in a sub role in 1991-92.

The only ND winner was CHRIS STEPANIAN, 259-255 over CHRIS BUKOWSKI. Bob Coelln, by the way, still leads the Men's Class B with a 91.26 average.

Second place St. Anselm sent Catholic University (8th place-10½ wins) reeling into the second division, three wins to one.

St. A's winners included TERRY CERPOVICZ (259), newcomer DON STITT (291-280 over CAROLINE COELLN, the Women's Class A leader at 90.38), and TONY "I'm Not A Captain" KOZAK (284). Tony recovered nicely from an opening string of 68.

In the battle of the captains, DENNIS KAWA saw his hold as the top roller in the league fall when he rolled only a 282 compared to RICH SNYDER'S 321 (leads Men's Class AA for CU with an average of 104.5). Kawa's average slipped to 107.1, just behind Steve Moccio.

Seventh place Georgetown (10½ wins) took 2½ wins over third place St. Michael (12½ wins). G-Town winners included "Steady" EDDIE GALLERANI (276) and captain DEBBIE POIRIER (315). Debbie is now tied with SHIRLEY SARACINO at 102.31 as the top women's roller in the league. St. Mike's winners were leadoff STELLA BARBIERI (262) and RENEE JURY (270-269 over JOHN MLINEK; Renee is rolling at 93.26, good for second place in Women's Class AA).

St. Mike's captain FRED MORASSI could only muster a 285 but still leads the Men's Class A in rolling at 97.42.

Fourth place Boston College (12 wins) and fifth place Fordham (12 wins) hooked up for a fine battle in week six.

Fordham winners were ESTHER DEPALO (271), MARIE SARACINO (299-good night for Marie), and red-hot substitute captain LOU MASSOIA (344). Lou is now rolling at 104.4 in a sub role. He soundly defeated BC'S SHIRLEY SARACINO, who hit a 290. Fordham's JANICE MOCCIO (272) just narrowly defeated BC's BILL "Don't Call Me Bob" HOPE (271).

In the final match of the night, St. Louis (6th place-11 wins) put a clean sweep on last place Holy Cross (6 wins), four wins to none. Leading St. Lou to the sweep were VENETTA SNYDER (270) and captain JIM HOAGUE, who had a huge night with his 355. He raised his average to 99.3 in Men's Class AA (behind leader Rich Snyder at 104.5).

HC winners were MICHELLE BAILLIE (290-286 over JEAN BUONICONTI - Jean leads Women's Class AA at 94.40; Michelle is top gun in Women's Class B at 87.22) and VI MASSOIA (286).

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Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



New Fee Structure In CT

The Connecticut Sportsmen filed and lobbied for an increase in fees. Their efforts were successful, and the General Assembly granted their wishes and passed into law new fees for hunting and fishing, starting as of January 1st, 1992.

The increased revenue will go to a special Environmental Conservation Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection. It will be used for trout and salmon culture programs, salmon and shad restoration, the pheasant programs, fishery research, wildlife management, and a host of other programs.

The hatcheries and other important areas of fish and wildlife management have been operating under emergency financing. Just like in Massachusetts last spring, when the sportsmen of Massachusetts supported a bill to tag on a \$5 fee on hunting and fishing licenses to support the purchasing of land for game management.

The sportsmen realize that we are losing land to developing and other ventures and must act now to insure that we have a place to enjoy our sport. The only thing that rubs us is that the land is open to everybody once we buy it.

Yet, the many users who use the land do not contribute one cent for its purchase and management. The same is true in Connecticut; not one cent of taxation is used for these purchases and management of game and related expenses.

The new fee structure ranges from relatively modest to more substantial increases. Wildlife license increases include resident firearms hunting, \$9 to \$10; non-resident firearms hunting, \$27 to \$42; resident junior archery hunting (deer tags included), \$3 to \$13; resident archery hunting (deer tags included), \$14 to \$22; non-resident archery hunting (deer tags included), \$21 to \$44.

The combination license fees include: resident hunting and fishing, \$12 to \$21; non-resident hunting and fishing, \$35 to \$55.

Again, the sportsmen come forward unselfishly and put their money where their mouths are, and pay for the sports that they love—hunting and fishing.

The past bow hunting and gun hunting seasons were no doubt the most enjoyable that I have ever participated in, and I did not tag a deer. Sounds weird (I know) to non-hunters, and there are a lot of old hunters who know what I mean.



Before the bow season, I scouted an area as wild as can be found in Massachusetts and located a big buck that was running a large mountain and deep swamps.

His route looking for does during the rut, stretched for over eight miles. I walked every inch of his route locating places to ambush him from trees and on the ground. It was exciting and a challenge.

I moved from one stand to another, trying to be in the right place at the right time. The third day of the bow season driving down a rural dirt road after dark, I came around a corner and there, standing in the middle of the road 20 yards from my stopped truck, stood this magnificent stag.

He was broadside, looking at me. His neck was swollen so much that it looked short and out of place on his body. The rack was huge. The truck lights gleamed off it.

He just stood there for a long time before ambling off to the side of the road, turned his monstrous head and looked at me again, and nonchalantly walked into the woods.

That episode had me hooked for the rest of the hunting seasons. The days went by too fast. We played the game; there just seemed that there weren't enough daylight hours. Night came too quick.

One morning he came by the ground blind that I was in, but he wasn't on the run he usually used. He was further up the ridge and I couldn't get a shot and be sure to hit him through the lungs or heart, so I waited till the next time.

I know from reading sign that he did court two does at different times during the bow and gun seasons. There is no doubt in my mind that he had more during that time period.

Twice I had a doe with twins in front of me, no more than 15 yards' distance. I just watched them feed and go out of sight. I won't take a doe with twins.

I feel that she is a real healthy animal and is probably impregnated and carrying two more. I have mentioned my feeling to other seasoned bow hunters, and am pleased to find out that they feel the same.

I hunted wilderness, did not see another hunter, and am looking forward to this next hunting season. I will be scouting him early and hope that I will be able to outwit him. Who knows what the future will hold. I may shoot him with my camera.

One morning, it was cold before the snow came. I was up against a large beech tree in a beech grove that the buck checked out on his round. I leaned three good-sized dead trees that were down on the ground against the big beech and sat behind them.

My body form was broken up and a deer will walk right by without seeing me. I have had it happen many times in the past. This morning it was a small bear that shuffled by.

It was beautiful; his fur shined very brightly in the morning sunlight, a real primed pelt. Wouldn't you know that I left my camera on the dash of the truck that morning.

It was a long hike to get up to my tree on the ridge, and in my hurry I forgot the camera. The mother wasn't with him, and I drew a breath of relief.

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Sports A La Carte...

The Great Johnny Most; UMass In Top 25

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

I wonder how much money JOSE TARTABULL made when he was playing a little right field for the Red Sox in the Impossible Dream season of 1967.

His son, DANNY, will probably make more in one game than Jose did in the entire year...

From our Let's Not Be Too Quick to Judge Department: ROLLIE FINGERS had a 36.00 ERA in his first major league season with Oakland. The Mustache only went on to record a major league record 341 saves and a career 2.91 ERA in his illustrious 18-year career...

Edmonton Oilers fans will have to do without ESA TIKKANEN for the next three months due to a busted shoulder. There are some that say he is the best two-way hockey player in the NHL...

Did you see who is back in the NBA? JEFF RULAND.

The big center out of Iona has been away from the game for five years after a spotty, sometimes brilliant six-year career. The Sixers needed help inside so they are taking a chance...

Sad to hear about the double amputation of JOHNNY MOST'S legs on Monday. Most of us know him as the legendary Celtic radio broadcaster.

I was fortunate enough to spend a year working side by side with Johnny in the role of radio producer. I remember him as a most intriguing individual who loved the game of basketball and all of its participants—friend or foe.

I, along with all of you, wish him the very best always...

Coach JOHN CALIPARI thinks that it might have been a little too soon to get into the Top Twenty Five in College Basketball for his UMass

club. I totally disagree.

Wins in the Atlantic 10 are not going to impress anybody that doesn't live around here. It was key that they played—and slaughtered Oklahoma when they did.

Now, if they play as well as we all think they will in the A-10, they will move up a notch or two every time somebody above them slips. Add in a victory (or two) over Temple during the conference season, and they could be in the top 15 or so before the tournament rolls around.

Had they been snubbed in the polls this week, I'm afraid that they would have only had a cameo appearance in the Polls when they beat Temple. They are an exciting club with a perfect mixture of veteran cool and rookie talent.

Height will cost them in the end, but experience and the ability to control the pace of the game—along with the big-time scorer (JIM MCCOY)—and we have something to be very proud of here in Western Massachusetts.

Anybody got a ticket to the Curry Hicks Cage? If you do, guard it with your life and save the stub...

Maybe it's about time that MICHAEL and the Bulls forget about the Celtics, Pistons and Knicks. It's probably time to cast that nervous stare towards the Cavaliers.

They have a cast and crew that rivals just about anybody. They are tough...

Where's JEFF SELLERS? The former Red Sox right handed pitcher just signed a minor league pact with the Texas Rangers.

The kid has a nasty slider when he was younger; he just refused to throw it often enough to be effective. He could have been a real good one if he had only listened...

BRENT PRICE of Oklahoma might have compared notes with brother MARK (formerly of Georgia Tech and now of the Cavaliers) on the Springfield (MA) Civic Center.

When the elder Price came here in 1985 for the annual Tip-Off Classic, he stunk out the joint as his jumper was off all night in a loss to Michigan. Brent didn't fare any better against UMass on Saturday night.

Both are capable of having bust-out scoring nights, and neither could do it in the Basketball's Birthplace...

It's funny that no matter how much Detroit had beaten Dallas by last Sunday, the Redskins were going to be prohibitive favorites this coming weekend.

Imagine playing as well as the Lions have played and being double digit underdogs. I wonder what the spread would have been against Dallas?...

Why did the Oilers call time out when Denver was faced with 4th and 10 with no timeouts remaining? That's all you have to give ELWAY—one breath, and he'll eat you for lunch.

I believe they'll keep it close against Buffalo, but I don't think Buffalo is even a quarter of a mile high, and the Bills will hold on and win that one...

Anybody that didn't stay up late on New Year's Eve might not have heard coach LOU HOLTZ after the game.

When asked what he was going to do after he left the locker room following the dazzling win over Florida, Holtz replied, "I'm going to go and find that New Orleans waiter who told me that the difference between Notre Dame and Cheerios was that Cheerios belonged in the Bowl..."

Westfield YMCA Has Winter Sign-Ups

Westfield: The Westfield YMCA is continuing registration for all of its winter programs that began the week of Monday, January 6th.

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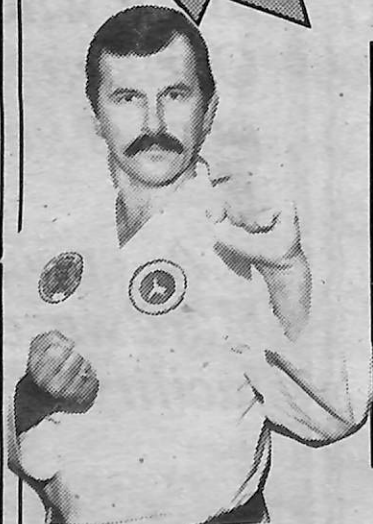
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Agawam AA Piranhas Compete Against Team From East Long.

The Agawam AA Piranhas recently competed against the East Longmeadow team at East Longmeadow High School. The results included:

GIRLS 8 & UNDER:

Amanda Fox, third in 100 yard individual medley.

In the 100-yard freestyle relay, the team of Laurie Chmielowski, Liza Menzone, Ashley Roberts, and Kyleigh Egan placed second.

Blanca Chase, first, and Christina Cilmo, third in 25-yard freestyle.

Laura Bucalo, first, and Amanda Fox, second in 25-yard butterfly.

Hilary Golas, second, and Laura Pedersen, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Rachel Morris, second, and Ashley Roberts, third in 25-yard backstroke.

Ashley Roberts, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 8 & UNDER:

In the 100-yard medley relay, the team of William Bond, Michael Thomas, Brian Pedersen, and Wesley Scott placed first.

Wesley Scott, second, and Michael Bonesteel, third in 25-yard freestyle.

Michael Thomas, second in 50-yard freestyle.

Michael Thomas, second, and Ryan Sullivan, third in 25-yard backstroke.

Ryan Sullivan, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 9-10:

The team of Sarah Nacewicz, Caitlin Weisgerber, Shannon Costa, and Kimberly Sullivan place first in the 200 medley relay.

Jennifer Modzelesky, first in 100-yard individual medley.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Shanna Raymond, Jessica Jensen, Dawn Bucalo, and Allison Pisano placed second; the team of Jennifer Reid, Sarah Nacewicz, Raquel Rodriguez, and Katie Kilrain placed third.

Katie Kilrain, second in 50-yard freestyle.

Caitlin Weisgerber, first, and Shaunessy Egan, third in 50-yard butterfly.

Kimberly Sullivan, first, and Dawn Bucalo, third in 100-yard freestyle.

Jessica Jensen, first in 50-yard backstroke.

Jennifer Modzelesky, first, and Shannon Costa, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 9-10:

The team of Eric Pedersen, Michael Grant, Jeffrey Rivkin, and Thomas Casiello finished first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Eric Pedersen, third in 100-yard individual medley.

Thomas Casiello, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Michael Grant, second in 50-yard butterfly.

Jeffrey Rivkin, second in 100-yard freestyle.

Eric Pedersen, first in 50-yard backstroke.

Michael Grant, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 11-12:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Patricia Olson, Eileen Daly, Kristine Modzelesky, and Tara Rivkin finished first.

Patricia Olson, first, and Tara Rivkin, third, in 200-yard individual medley.

Kristine Modzelesky, first, and Eileen Daly, third, in 200-yard freestyle.

Kristy Kunkel, first, and Kelly Robinson, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Eileen Daly, second in 50-yard butterfly.

Kristine Modzelesky, first, and Kelly Robinson, third, in 100-yard freestyle.

Patricia Olson, first, and Kristy Kunkel, second in 50-yard backstroke.

Tara Rivkin, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 11-12:

The team of Asa Allen, Hugh Allen, Brendan Kilrain, and Matt Slattery placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Matt Slattery, third in 200-yard individual medley.

Brendan Kilrain, second in 200-yard freestyle.

Asa Allen, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Matt Slattery, third in 50-yard butterfly.

Hugh Allen, third in 100-yard freestyle.

Asa Allen, third in 50-yard backstroke.

Brendan Kilrain, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 13-14:

Rachel Niemiec, first, and Amy Hume, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Amy Hume, first, in 100-yard backstroke.

Rachel Niemiec, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 13-14:

Michael Robinson, first in 200-yard freestyle.

Wayne Charrette, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Michael Robinson, second in 100-yard freestyle.

Scott Guyer, second, and Wayne Charrette, third in 100-yard backstroke.

Jonathan David, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

The team of Tim Davis, Wayne Charrette, Scott Guyer, and Jonathan David finished second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

GIRLS 15-18:

Nancy Bazunchuk, first in 200-yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke, and 100-yard breaststroke.

The team would like to thank the Holiday House of Feeding Hills and the Feeding Hills Pharmacy for their donations of raffle items.

A.A.A. Basketball Standings As Of January 4th/5th

GIRLS 8-11

Aldrich Insurance	1	0
Agawam Auto School	1	0
Silech Auto Body	1	0
Collins Construction	0	1
Provin Mt. Farm	0	1
Luigi's Auto Body	0	1

BOYS 8-10

DOMINIC MORASSI LEAGUE AMERICAN DIVISION

Agawam Police	1	0
E.B.'s Specialty Chicken	1	0
Worldtek Travel	1	0
Auth Fuels	0	1
Professional Traffic Systems	0	1
Murphy's Trophies & Sports	0	1
Aldrich Insurance	0	1

NATIONAL DIVISION

Movie Mart	1	0
Provin Mt. Farm	1	0
Corner Deli	1	0
Aldrich Insurance	0	1
Valenti's Restaurant	0	1
Agawam Opticians	0	1
Walsh's	0	1

BOYS 10-12

AMERICAN DIVISION

Agawam Advertiser News	1	0
Worldtek Travel	1	0
Elbow Lounge	0	1
Village Lounge	0	1

NATIONAL DIVISION

Grimaldi & Burzdak	1	0
Agawam Firefighters	1	0
Murphy's Trophies & Sports	0	1
McCarthy Tile	0	1

BOYS 13-15

Agawam Firefighters	1	0
Professional Traffic Systems	1	0
Grimaldi & Burzdak	1	0
Provin Mt. Farm	0	1
Westfield Savings	0	1
Worldtek Travel	0	1

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Ag. Rec. Dept. Winter Sports Programs

The Agawam Recreation Department "Fall/Winter 1992," registration began on Thursday, January 2nd, 1992, daily Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please note: No registration will be taken before Thursday, January 2nd! All programs offered on "first-come, first-served" basis. No phone registrations.

Registration for both youth (must reside in Agawam) and adult programs will be held daily Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Agawam Recreation Office, located at the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance (look for the signs). All fees are payable in advance of the program. Please make all checks payable to the Town of Agawam. There will be no refunds of the program fee unless the program is cancelled. All programs are subject to change due to gymnasium availability and to participation.

All programs will be cancelled on any day that school is closed due to inclement weather. Notification will be placed on radio station WMAS, both AM and FM. If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation Office, 786-0400, extension 456.

1992 PERRY LANE NURSERY INFORMATION

The Perry Lane Nursery School will be accepting registrations beginning February 3rd, 1992, for the fall semester. This program is for children who will have turned 3 or 4 years of age by September 30th, 1992. This is an excellent opportunity to prepare your child for kindergarten.

Session: September 14th, 1992 to May 21st, 1993.

Time: 3 yrs. - Tues./Thurs., 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.; 4 yrs. - Mon./Wed./Fri., 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. (filled); 4 yrs. - Mon./Wed./Fri., 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Perry Lane Park.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

School Fee: 3 yrs. - \$50 pr. month; 4 yrs. - \$65 pr. month.

Teachers: Mary Ann Page, Director; Dolly Biza, Aide.

1992 YOUTH RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS YOUTH LEARN TO SWIM:

Your child must be able to change his/her own clothes. No females will be allowed in the male locker room, as no males will be allowed in the female locker room. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child can take part.

Session: January 18th to March 21st, 1992 (10 weeks).

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (6 years and up); 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. (4 and 5 years); 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. (4 and 5 years).

Location: Agawam Junior High School pool.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds).

Instructors: Agawam Recreation Swim Staff.

Classes are limited to 25 per class. Enter the pool through the last door on the left-hand side of the school.

YOUTH GYMNASTICS/OPEN GYM:

This gym program will offer gymnastics as well as other programs such as kickball, etc.

Session: January 18th to March 21st (10 weeks).
Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (beginners 4 and 5 years); 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. (beginners 6 and up); 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. (beginners 4 and up).

Location: Agawam Junior High School gym.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds).

Instructors: Agawam Recreation Department gymnastics staff.

All classes are limited to 30 students per class on a first-come, first-served basis. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child may be able to participate. Sneakers must be worn. Enter the gym through the last door on the left side of the junior high school.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Basketball—All teams have been practicing and will begin play at the Junior High on January 4th, 1992. Boys/Girls 8-10 League will play on Saturdays starting at 12:00 noon; 10-12 and 13-15 Leagues will play on Sundays starting at 12:00 noon. The 6-7 Instructional League will begin play on January 4th, 1992, at 10:15 a.m. at the Agawam High School.

Piranhas—The Piranhas Swim Team competes against local cities and towns. All home swim meets are held at the Junior High School pool. Home meets are scheduled for January 18th, 25th, and February 1st, 1992, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

1992 ADULT RECREATION PROGRAMS WOMEN'S LOW IMPACT AEROBICS/EXERCISE/SWIM:

This program is a low-impact aerobics course designed to stretch and tone. If you wish to swim after the Monday program, it is already included in the cost.

Session: January 13th/15th to March 16th/18th (10 weeks).

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Junior High gym "A"; Wednesdays, 7:15 to 8:15 p.m., Robinson Park.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$40 per person (no refunds). If you wish to join for one night, cost is \$25 per person (no refunds).

Instructor: Willie Fortini.

(Third session—March 30th/April 1st to June 1st/3rd, 1992. These dates are tentative.)

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL/SWIM:

Session: January 13th to March 16th, 1992 (10 weeks).

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School gym "B".

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds).

Supervisor: Willie Fortini.

(Third session—March 30th to June 1st, 1992. These dates are tentative.)

MEN'S RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL:

This program is informal. It provides exercise, fun and competition. Enter building on right side, rear door.

Session: January 14th to March 17th, 1992 (10 weeks).

Time: Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam Middle School.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds).

CO-ED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL:

This is a co-ed recreational volleyball program. It is open to all adult men or women who would like fun, exercise, and competition. There will be a limit of 20 people for this program. Enter building on right side, rear door.

Session: January 14th to March 17th, 1992 (10 weeks).

Time: Tuesdays, 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

Location: Agawam Middle School gym.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$20 per person (no refunds).

Supervisor: Recreation staff.

OPEN GYM:

Session: January 6th/9th to March 23rd/26th, 1992.

Time: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam High School gym.

Registration: Not required, but you must be a town resident.

Fee: \$2 per person, per night—pay the supervisor at the door. Please supply your own basketballs.

(There will be no program on January 20th and February 17th.)

CIVIC ORGANIZATION GYM & SWIM:

The Junior High School gym and pool will be available to civic groups and clubs of Agawam on Friday nights through reservation. There will be a \$45 charge per hour. This fee includes the lifeguard.

Session: January through May 1992.

Time: Fridays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School gym and pool.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

RECREATIONAL SWIM SCHEDULE:

The pool at the Agawam Junior High School will be open for public swim for both youths and adults on Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings. It is recommended that you leave no valuables in the locker room or pool area. Lifeguards will be on duty. All pool rules are in effect. No cut-offs are allowed in the pool. All children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Session: Sundays, January 5th to March 29th, 1992.

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Session: Mondays, January 6th to June 1st, 1992.

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School pool.

Registration: Not required.

Pool Fee: \$2 per person—pay the lifeguard on duty. Children under 6 free.

INSURANCE:

The Town of Agawam does not carry insurance to cover hospitalization or medical costs of anyone injured while participating in or watching any of the Parks and Recreation Department programs. Please note: You enter our programs at your own risk.

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Riverside Park Speedway is offering a FREE color-designer poster with Winston Series Champion and Northeast Regional Champion **Jerry Marquis**.

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This contest is for everyone, from small businesses to the corporate executive, to the kid next door. Once the poster is in place in the window or high visibility location, take a photo of the location and write the poster's location on the back of the photo and send it back to Riverside.

If you cannot photograph the poster, then send

the exact address and location, with as many details as possible. Once the photo and information is received, this information goes into a lottery. If your photo or information is selected, and if the judges go at random and find the poster in a high visibility display, you win the VIP trip.

Remember, this is not just for businesses - this contest is for everyone. Place a poster in your living room window; place one in the food store (near a clock); in the side windows of your car; at the bus station. Just make sure YOUR NAME is on the back - you are the one who has sent the photo with the information and the exact location of the poster. And make sure once this is done, the poster remains at your location. If it's removed, you cannot win.

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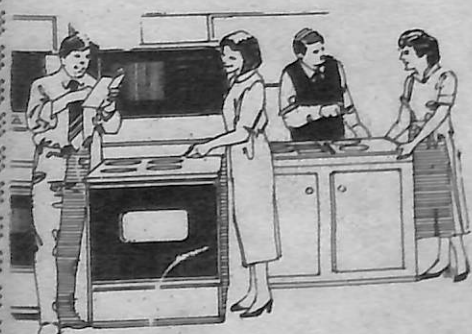
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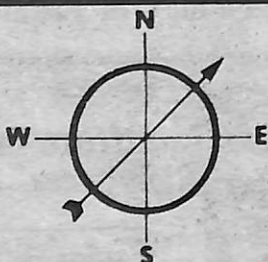
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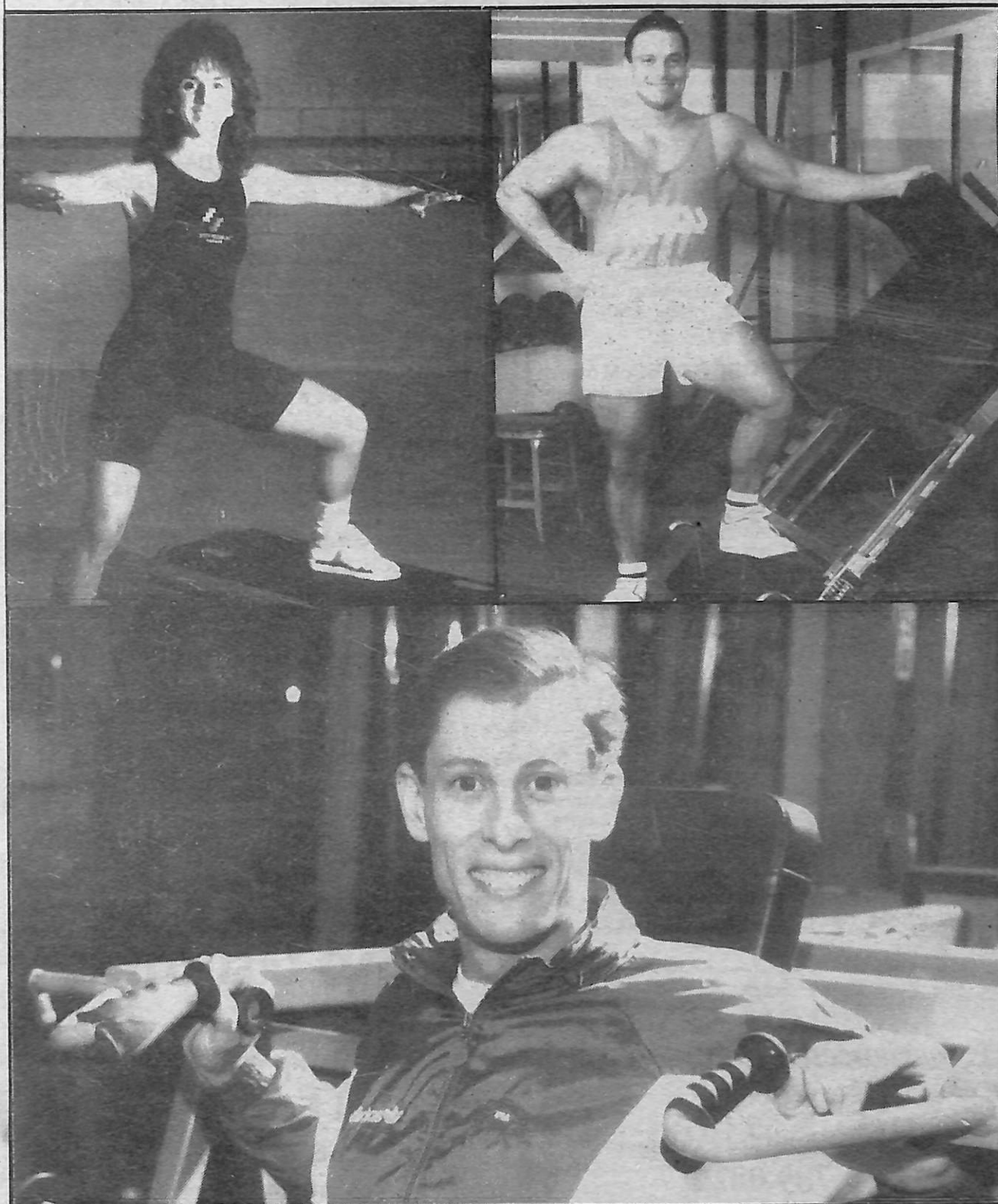
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